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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
JANUARY 22, 1976

Present: Exec. V.P. Cleary, Exec. V.P. Farnham, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin, Vice Presidents Brunelle, Buffum, Cardinal, Devlin, Gill, Grieco, Khoury, Lavin, LeBlanc, Mello, O'Neil, Osborn, Prendergast, Rodwell, Sommers, Sullivan, and Valentino

Absent: President Sullivan (Vacation), Vice Presidents Barron (union bus.), Campbell, Campobasso, Dominick, Drew, Fernandes, Ferreira, LaGrasta, Leshyk, Litano (union bus.), Moseley, Quinn (ill) Sonsini, Tarallo, Wall & Weng

Meeting convened at 10:20 A.M. with Executive Vice President Farnham presiding.

V.P. Cardinal read the Council Prayer.

Minutes of December 18, 1975 Meeting were accepted as written with the following correction: Page 5 first line should read V.P. Brunelle rather than V.P. Binnall.

REINSTATEMENT
USA Local 3388, Braintree - Suspended 6/30/75 - Paid back 1/17/76 — 30 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept. So voted.

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP
AFSC&ME Local 680, Arlington - From 210 to 329 — 119 Members

DECREASE IN MEMBERSHIP
Machinists Local 1050, Roslindale - From 138 to 49 — 89 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept with regret. So voted.

DISSOLVED
Bookbinders Local 176, Norwood — 10 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept. So voted.

Masters, Mates & Pilots Offshore Division Local 620, Boston — 210 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to table until next meeting. So voted.

WITHDRAWAL
United Papermakers & Paperworkers Local 880, W. Groton — 144 Members
V.P. Mello advised the Council that this could have come about because of internal problems. Motion duly made & seconded to table until next meeting. So voted.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT
Secretary-Treasurer Loughlin read the General Fund & Cope Financial Reports.

Motion duly made and seconded to accept the financial reports. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin and Leg. Dir. Cashman met with Lt. Governor O'Neill last Monday. The Lt. Governor wanted some ideas and suggestions on what he could do to get back in good with the labor movement. The following was discussed:

1. Remove Howard Smith & John Crosier from Division of Employment Security. Both are management oriented -- no compassion for jobless workers -- Appearances at Chamber of Commerce with persons advising how management can successfully avoid paying just unemployment claims.

2. Put moratorium on environmentalists stoppage of necessary and vital construction projects that will generate thousands of high-paying jobs - roads, nuclear power, offshore oil, refineries and housing.

3. Initiate public service utilizing CETA funds to build needed facilities in cities and towns such as water treatment plants, etc.

4. Co-ordinate hiring of people in various communities through local unions and local legislators.

5. Repeal of the Offset Bill.

6. Repeal of the Voluntary Quits Bill.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin told the Council about the article in the Boston Globe on Howard Smith which set down the proposals of the Task Force from which Earl Benghston and Danny Murray resigned. Smith wants to tax unemployment insurance. He also wants to make it mandatory that people work 15 weeks before they are allowed to collect. Sec.-Treas. Loughlin pointed out that many of the building trades people do not work 15 weeks at a time.

Governor Dukakis told Sec.-Treas. Loughlin he didn't know anything about the article. However, Smith appeared on television trying to sell the package and Sec.-Treas. Loughlin believes that the Governor was not being truthful.

Motion duly made and seconded to accept Secretary-Treasurer's Report. So voted.

V.P. Mello asked how the decision was made regarding the Representatives and Senators the labor movement would support.

Cope Dir. Callahan stated that proposed endorsements are forwarded to the Mass. State Labor Council by the respective Central Labor Councils and, after perusal of the voting record of the candidate, the Executive Board makes the decision.

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The Congressional District delegate caucus is going to be held on 2/15/76 at 2:00 P.M. The Presidential primary is March 2, 1976.

The Democratic State Committee will select at-large and alternate delegates to the Convention on June 2, 1976.

The Committee on Education met on January 13, 1976. Subject matter discussed included:

Confirmation of Treadway Inn proposed for May 13 and 14, 1976.
Discussion and finalization of title for the Essay program.
Submission of additional multiple questions by Committee member Martha Wunderlick.
Discussion of candidates for Certificate of Merit Award - Final decision not determined.
Request to V.P. Devlin for perusal of current examination.

On March 9, 1976 Cope Regional Conference to be held in Hartford, Connecticut. Letters to all affiliates with the credential inserted was mailed on January 19, 1976.

Cope Dir. Callahan attended the Cope Coalition Meeting in New York on January 14, 1976 and at the request of National Cope will meet with leaders of respective groups

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in Massachusetts to achieve a greater coordination in political activities in the 1976 elections. The Meeting is going to be held on February 10, 1976 (Statler).

In compliance with Chapter 55 the political committee filed its financial report on receipts and disbursements for the year 1975. Said report was filed on 1/6/76.

Motion duly made and seconded to accept Cope Report. So voted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Leg. Dir. Cashman advised the Board that the Mass. State Labor Council and other labor organizations had gotten away from roll call votes because of the buddy system. The Legislature was told that roll call votes would not be demanded in return for a $10 increase in unemployment and $5.00 in workmen's compensation. An agreement was made with AIM and insurance companies. Leg. Dir.Cashman has severed that cord. He will not deal with the Legislature. We want roll calls on labor bills and the Speaker has been told that.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin reminded the Council about a meeting that took place with former Speaker Bartley and Senate President Harrington where they both agreed that we would have no trouble getting roll calls because of the support that the Council and its affiliates had shown towards the leadership of Former Senate President Maurice Donohue and others. Then at a later meeting with Bartley & Harrington Harrington made it very clear that in no way would he put the Senators in his Chambers in an embarrassing position on roll call votes and that is the way it stands today.

(Enclosed is additional information regarding legislation.)

Motion duly made and seconded to accept Legislative Report. So voted.

V.P. Brunelle made a motion which was duly seconded that the Mass. State Labor Council go on record in favor of supporting credit unions in Massachusetts. So voted.

Exec. V.P. Farnham told the Council that due to the fact a couple of the Executive Officers would be out of town the third Thursday in February, a request has been made that the next meeting be held on February 12, 1976.

Motion duly made and seconded to hold the next meeting on February 12, 1976. So voted.

V.P. Valentino asked for help on a bill coming up in the State House which would do away with a lot of work that barbers have had for years. He believes the bill number is H.281. The barbers are opposed to it and would like to the Council to oppose it.

Motion duly made and seconded to support the barbers. So voted.

Exec. V.P. Farnham informed the Council that we have to get some direction on how to treat the Legislators who voted for voluntary quits. We are getting into the period of time when Representatives and Senators are looking for assistance. He asked if we were going to take a position against the Legislators who voted for voluntary quits. He, personally, is against that. Exec. V.P. Farnham and Exec. V.P. Cleary believe that assistance should be given on an individual basis.

The Executive Board discussed the problem. Exec. V.P. Cleary pointed out that the only reason some of the Legislators were recorded in favor of voluntary quits was

because it was tacked on to the budget by the Senate President and they were voting for the budget. Sec.-Treas. Loughlin stated that we should not help the Legislators who voted for voluntary quits.

Motion duly made and seconded to re-affirm the understanding that the Cope and Legislative Directors in concert with the Executive Officers be allowed to make decisions of support based upon the Legislator's entire voting record. So voted with Sec.-Treas. Loughlin being recorded as opposed.

Exec. V.P. Farnham also advised the Board that many requests have been received asking the Officers of the Mass. State Labor Council to become involved in pre-primaries. He asked if the Board thought we should become involved with a candidate.

Exec. V.P. Cleary stated that he didn't think the Executive Council or the Cope Director should get involved and Sec.-Treas. Loughlin pointed out that under the rules of National AFL-CIO we have to support their choice.

A discussion was then held as to whether the Officers could get involved personally. Cope Dir. Callahan read Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Mass. State Labor Council which is as follows:

"No officer or committee member of the Massachusetts State Labor Council,AFL-CIO shall permit the use of his title as an officer or committee member of this Council in connection with the endorsement of any candidate for public office, unless such candidate shall have received the endorsement of the Executive Council of the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO or was endorsed by action of the last previous convention or by the Committee on Political Education Conference."

COMMUNICATIONS

From Committee to Re-Elect a Democratic House & Committee to Re-Elect a Democratic Senate re purchase of tickets - Motion duly made & seconded to table. So voted.
From Congresswoman Heckler, Congressmen O'Neill & Moakley re TVA - Accepted & filed.
From Congressmen O'Neill, Burke & Tsongas re Price-Anderson Act - Accepted & filed.
From Congresswoman Heckler re food stamp program - Accepted & filed.
From Senator Brooke re our endorsement of Edwin J. Riley, Jr. as Regional Director of OSHA - Exec. V.P. Cleary told the Council that there is talk of the previous OSHA Director, McKenzie, coming back to Boston to fill that position. Ed Riley is not bothered by this and Senator Kennedy, Senator Brooke & Congressman O'Neill have assured us that if McKenzie doesn't come back Ed Riley will be recommended.
From Governor Dukakis re labor related appointments - Accepted & filed.

Exec. V.P. Farnham told the Council that due to a retirement there will be an opening on the Industrial Accident Board and V.P. Khoury would like to fill the unexpired term of that position.- Motion duly made & seconded to submit the name of V.P. Khoury when the vacancy becomes available. So voted.

V.P. Valentino told the Board that January 31st is the last day for appointment to the Board of Registration of Barbers. - Motion duly made & seconded to send a letter to the Governor reminding him that V.P. Valentino is the candidate from this organization. So voted.

COMMUNICATIONS (Cont'd)

From Richard Wilson, Dept. of Physics, Harvard University re LNG tank construction - Accepted & filed.
From Harold J. Keohane, Chairman Dept. of Public Utilities re DPU Hearings on telephone billing practices - From Paula Gold, Dept. of A.G. re same - Accepted & filed.

Copy of letter to Thomas McNamara, Gen. Mgr. Statler Hilton Hotel from V.P. Fernandes re J.P. Stevens - Motion duly made & seconded to refer this to the Executive Officers for follow-up. So voted.
From Paul Mulkern, U.S. Dept. of Labor re Conference on "What is Happening to Women in the World of Work" - Accepted and filed.
From George J. Oneto, Gen. Pres. & George J. Orlando, Gen. Sec.-Treas. Distillery, Rectifying, Wine & Allied Workers Int'l Union re Farm Workers - Accepted & filed.
From John C. Amicangioli, Pres. & Abraham Ferris, Rec. Sec. Int'l Assoc. of Machinists & Aerospace Workers Local 1050 re American Can Company - Motion duly made & seconded to continue support. So voted.
From Edward C. Simone, Coordinator Mass. Committee for National Health Security Program requesting financial assistance to organize a National Health Issues Forum - Motion duly made & seconded to contribute $400.00. So voted.

V.P. Mello asked for the encouragement of the Council to submit the name of James Grande as the labor appointee to the Mass. Commission of Occupational Education. Motion duly made and seconded to submit the name of James Grande for a position on the Occupational Education Committee. So voted.

V.P. Osborn requested that Acting Chairman Farnham give consideration to the Alcoholism Committee holding a Symposium as they have in the past.

Roll Call.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
STATLER HILTON HOTEL, BOSTON
FEBRUARY 12, 1976

Present: Exec. V.P. Farnham, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin, Vice Presidents Barron, Brunelle, Buffum, Cardinal, Devlin, Fernandes, Gill, LaGrasta, Lavin, LeBlanc, Mello, Osborn, Prendergast, Sommers, Sullivan, Tarallo, Valentino and Wall

Absent: President Sullivan (Vacation), Exec. V.P. Cleary (union bus.), Vice Presidents Campbell, Campobasso, Dominick (Union bus.), Drew, Ferreira, Grieco, Khoury (union bus.), Leshyk, Litano (union bus.) Moseley, O'Neil, Quinn, Rodwell (union bus.), Sonsini (Union bus.) and Weng

Meeting convened at 10:10 A.M. with Exec. V.P. Farnham presiding.

V.P. Mello read the Council Prayer.

Minutes of January 22, 1976 meeting accepted as written.

DECREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

AFSC & ME Local 780, Watertown - From 1500 to 1300 200 members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept. So voted.

WITHDRAWALS

Framingham Central Labor Council (Dissolved)
Motion duly made & seconded to accept. So voted.

Machinists West Springfield Lodge 1730 300 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to refer to Executive Officers for investigation. So voted.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin read the General Fund & Cope Financial reports.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the financial reports. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin advised the Board that he has been told the Statler Hilton is closing and he has, therefore, been looking for another hotel at which to hold our Convention. He and V.P. Sullivan checked out the Copley Plaza. The only problem appeared to be that their banquet room only holds 1,000 when the floor show is on and we usually have around 1200. However, they do have an anteroom which can accommodate the overflow.

The 1976 Convention will be at the Statler from September 21 -24, 1976.

The dates for the Copley are as follows:

1977 - November 1-4
1978 - September 12-14 (This is because 1978 is a political action year)
1979 - October 30-November 2

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin asked that the Board give him permission to set up the Conventions.

Motion duly made & seconded to refer the problem of Conventions to the Executive Officers. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin spoke about the closing of Ft. Devens which has a payroll of some 90 million dollars. A wire was sent to Tip O'Neill asking him to do everything possible to keep the Fort open. He hasn't heard from the Congressman but he talked to one of his chief aides. The aide told him the Congressman said to tell him that the Fort was going to close. Sec.-Treas. Loughlin told the aide to tell the Congressman to talk to President Ford and save the Fort.

Regarding the decontrol of natural gas, wires were sent out and calls made to Congress asking people to defeat this bill. The bill was defeated.

Motion duly made and seconded that we get off a letter to our 12 Congressmen and 2 Senators deploring what is happening to Fort Devens. So voted.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept Secretary-Treasurer's Report. So voted.

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Cope Dir. Callahan advised the Board that an Unemployment Seminar is going to be held on 2/16/76. The Seminar will be hosted by Senator Kennedy and Hubert Humphrey at the J.F.K Building. At 9:30 A.M. there will be a panel discussion and at 2:00 P.M. there is general participation.

The speaking program for May 12-14 at the Treadway Motor Inn has been finalized. The moderators will be V.P. Richard Gill, IBEW Local 2321, John J. Pickett, Steel Wkrs. Local 1885 and Beatrice Texeira, Amalgamated Clothing Workers Local 377.

By vote of the Education Committee Congressman James A. Burke has been selected for the Gompers-Murray Award.

The price for conferees at the Institute will be $50.00 for a double and $60.00 for a single. Your assistance is needed to insure the success of the Institute.

In accordance with a request from National Cope a meeting of Coalitions groups was held on February 10th to discuss programs and the need for unification of support for labor endorsed candidates and programs. Subject matter included A.Philip Randolph Institute, Latin American Advancement, Concerned Seniors, State Labor Council and CLU's involvement in these programs as well as financing.

Also at the request of National Cope a report on receipts and expenditures of the 1972 Presidential election as well as the results of the 1974 Congressional election and a prognosis of 1976 Congressional campaign has been complied with.

IMPORTANT DATES

Brochure on Harvard Trade Union mailed to all affiliates 2/10/76
April 5, 1976 - Harvard Trade Interviews
April 7, 1976 - Scholarship Program
May 13 & 14, 1976 - Gompers Murray Institute

Motion duly made and seconded to accept the Cope report. So voted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Leg. Dir. Cashman handed out a comprehensive list of dates and subject matter of hearings. He noted that the pension offset bill will be heard on March 23rd and that Rep. Demers, Chairman of Commerce & Labor has filed a right to work bill which is being heard on April 1.

Leg. Dir. Cashman told the Board that everyone of the hearing lists published have an asterisk by the re-filed bills. It means that these bills having been heard by the Committee at the previous session no oral arguments will be heard. This is

supposed to expedite action. Interested parties can file written statements.

There have been meetings with the Speaker and Governor and a letter is being sent out asking for a meeting with Senate President Harrington. The main objective is to get roll calls in the Senate. We are building up a cadre of Representatives that will go along with us on roll calls.

Leg. Dir. Cashman, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin and John A. Callahan had lunch with the Republican leadership. Representatives Ames, Robinson, Simons and Rogers were there and they discussed labor's legislative program. Leg. Dir. Cashman is now trying to set up a meeting with the Republican minority leader.

In order to pass legislation you have to get it by two houses. To defeat it you need only one. Five bills to repeal Voluntary Quits have been put in by Legislators who know it is a hot issue. Until Senator Harrington changes his view on Voluntary Quits it will go in Ways & Means and stay there.

Motion duly made and seconded to accept the Legislative report. So voted.

Exec. V.P. Farnham told the Council that V.P. Osborn recommended consideration be given for a Symposium on Alcoholism. Motion duly made & seconded to go forward, as we have in the past, on an Alcoholism Committee Symposium.

COMMUNICATIONS

From David Toscano, Ass't Dir., Boston College re conference on Transnational Corporations - Accepted for file.

From George McCall, Pres., Norfolk County Labor Council re gun laws - Motion duly made & seconded to table until next meeting. So voted.

Copy of Mailgram to Cong. O'Neill, Jr. re Decontrol of Natural Gas - Accepted for file.

From Congressman Burke re Labor record for 1975 - Accepted for file

From President Meany re President Ford's budget proposals. - Accepted for file

From Gregory R. Anrig, Comm. of Education re nomination of James Grande as labor representative on the Board's Commission on Occupational Education - Accepted for file

From Howard N. Smith, Sec., Executive Office of Economic Affairs advising us that Joseph Donovan has been appointed to fill the vacancy of Mr. Porcoco. After discussion motion was duly made & seconded to send a letter to the Governor recommending the re-appointment of Joe Donovan and that a letter also be sent thanking the Governor for giving Joe Donovan consideration.

From President Meany re winners of the High School Contest on Employment of the Handicapped - Motion duly made & seconded to comply with request. So voted.

From Franklin J. Murphy, Dir., Region VIII AFL-CIO re unaffiliated unions - Accepted for file.

From Sol Stetin, Gen. Pres. Textile Workers Union of America re nation-wide boycott of J.P. Stevens - Accepted for file

Commissioner Roussos introduced B.J. Rudman, Ass't Secretary of Manpower and spoke to the Council about legislation Governor Dukakis is going to file regarding long term bonds. He gave copies to the Executive Officers and asked that we support this legislation.

Roll Call.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45.

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MINUTES
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MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
STATLER HILTON HOTEL, BOSTON
MARCH 18, 1976

Present: Exec. V.P. Cleary, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin, Vice Presidents Barron, Brunelle Buffum, Campobasso, Cardinal, Devlin, Dominick, Drew, Fernandes, Grieco, Khoury, Lavin, LeBlanc, Leskyk, Mello, Moseley, Osborn, Prendergast, Rodwell, Sommers, Sonsini, Sullivan, Tarallo, Valentino, Wall

Absent: President Sullivan (illness), Exec. V.P. Farnham (union bus.), Vice Presidents Campbell, Ferreira, Gill, LaGrasta, Litano (union bus.), O'Neil (illness), Quinn (illness) & Weng

Meeting convened at 10:15 A.M. with Exec. V.P. Cleary presiding.

V.P. Grieco read the Council Prayer.

Minutes of February 12, 1976 meeting were accepted as written.

NEW AFFILIATION
Steelworkers Local 8216, Worcester 125 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept. So voted.

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP
SEIU Local 509, Boston 1,500 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept. So voted.

WITHDRAWALS
Hotel & Rest. Emp. Local 290 (charter is being picked up) 12 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept. So voted.

Cambridge Fire Fighters Local 30 233 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to table until next meeting. So voted.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT
Sec.-Treas. Loughlin read the Cope and General Fund financial reports.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the Secretary-Treasurers financial reports. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin told the Council about a full page ad that was in the newspaper last Sunday on graduated income tax. The ad told how wrong this tax would be and how the people would have to pay. We put out a press release on this but it is hard to get any news in. Our position is that we are for a graduated income tax. He told the Executive Board that they should go to the CLU meetings and tell the members that we are in favor of a graduated income tax.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin met with Lt. Governor O'Neill to discuss the Lt. Governor's statement on Workmen's Compensation. Following is an excerpt from the Lt. Governor's statement: "To expand coverage, eligibility and benefits would mean a phenomenally increased burden on this board and federal aid would be critical. But even with federal help, it could not perform the functions mandated in the law, especially those regarding ensuring the solvency of employers and insurers.....I ask that you consider the problems of marginal industries that may need only this extra straw to break their economic backs." The Lt. Governor also stated that

the average pay was $183 and the average weekly wage is actually $166. Danny Murray, Bill Cashman, Larry Sullivan and Mattie Ciuffredo also attended the meeting. Our national AFL-CIO policy is that we want uniform Workmen's Compensation for the whole country. In some categories we could be helped.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the Secretary-Treasurer's report. So voted.

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Scholarship examinations will be forwarded to the high schools on March 29, 1976. There should be an increase over last year's participation.

Eight applicants have applied for the Harvard Trade Union program. Interviews will be held on April 5, 1976.

Legislative night will be May 26, 1976 at the Lawrence Central Labor Council.

Gompers-Murray Institute is May 13-14, 1976 at the Treadway Motor Inn and Cope Dir. Callahan asked for the cooperation of the Executive Board in making this a success.

In the recent primary 708,107 Democrats and 179,940 Republicans voted.

Among the delegates elected to attend the national convention are the following from Labor: V.P. Arthur Osborn - 5th District, Exec. V.P. Cleary - 7th District, Joseph Sullivan - 8th District, Ralph Roberts - 10th District, Frank Every - 11th District, Cecelia Leshyk - 12th District.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the Cope report. So voted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Leg. Dir. Cashman reported that a letter has been sent out to all affiliates re: hearings on March 23rd in Gardner Auditorium covering Unemployment Compensation. No oral testimony will be accepted on re-filed bills. Leg. Dir. Cashman finds that written reports are not read and we, therefore, have to constantly use personal contact.

Leg. Dir. Cashman asked the Vice Presidents to tell him about any people in their organizations that have been hurt by voluntary quits bill. If we can get testimony on the 23rd we may be able to come to a compromise position.

We received letters from Secretary Guzzi regarding voter registration by mail and increased voting hours. We think we will get a favorable report.

Leg. Dir. Cashman met with Judge Cohen and Joe Buttner to discuss Workmen's Compensation. There is room for passage of some constructive Workmen's Compensation bills this year.

At the request of a Special Assistant to the Commissioner on Immigration and Naturalization we put in a late filed bill regarding the hiring of illegal aliens. Speaker McGee got the consent of the House for late filing.

Motion duly made and seconded to accept legislative report. So voted.

REPORT OF EXEC. V.P. CLEARY CHAIRMAN OF HOUSING COMMITTEE

Exec. V.P. Cleary reported that at the housing conference he attended the emphasis was on rehabilitation. In January, 1973 the President cut off housing and now everything that was planned in new construction in 1973 is drying up.

When you talk about 400,000 new units to be constructed you are actually talking about 100,000 new units and 300,00 rehabs. We are moving into rehabilitation and this is going to be a hard way of upgrading housing. We will lose approximately $60,000 per year.

The Building Trades is getting the burden of the cost of construction. A recent study by a national management organization showed that on site labor in 1949 got 33% of the cost of a complete building. In 1969 it was 17% - 1974 was 15%. Between the years 1949 and 1974 it has come down better than 50%. Materials cost 36% in 1949, 37% in 1969, 32% in 1974. Land was 11% in 1949, 22% in 1969 and 25% in 1974. Overhead and profit was 15% in 1949, 13% in 1969 and 13% in 1974. Financing was 5% in 1949, 7% in 1969 and 10% in 1974. The cost of construction doubled in land and financing. Labor has come down from 33% to 15%.

There is a new agreement coming out on rehabs. One is the President's agreement for maintenance on nuclear plants. There is now another Presidential agreement on a nuclear plant in Plymouth and we will have one in Seabrook. There is a reduced rate agreement on rehabs. Rehabilitation will be going on for the next two years. The only way a change can be made is in the Administration in November. There is no money from HUD on housing.

Exec. V.P. Cleary thanked everyone for their help on the situs picketing bill. Massachusetts was othe only major State that voted 100% for situs picketing.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept Exec. V.P. Cleary's report. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin reported that ourcConvention date is in conflict with the IUE International Convention and three members of our Board belong to the IUE. He checked with the Statler to see if they had any other dates open and they have September 13-16 available.

V.P. Prendergast made a motion which was duly seconded that the date of our Convention be changed to September 13-16, 1976. V.P. Taralldo advised that the Laborer's Convention was that week. The Vice Presidents discussed the motion and the question was called for. The motion was defeated.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin then had V.P.Sullivan confirm the dates of September 21-24 with the hotel. V.P. Sullivan reported back that our dates of September 21-24 had been given away and the only dates available now are September 7-10 which is right after Labor Day or September 13-16.

V.P. Moseley made a motion which was duly seconded to reconsider the date of the Convention. So voted with V.P. Tarallo being recorded as opposed.

V.P. Drew made a motion which was duly seconded that the Convention be held September 13-16, 1976. The motion was discussed and the question called for. The motion was so voted with V. P. Tarallo, V.P. Cardinal, V.P. Buffum and V.P. Campobasso being recorded as opposed.

Andy Neiswander of the Rate Setting Commission spoke to the Executive Board relative to legislation to regulate hospital costs and asked that we support it. The Vice Presidents discussed the bill and a motion was duly made and seconded to refer this to the Legislative Director for a report. So voted.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Gov. Dukakis re appointment of Joseph Donovan - V.P. Khoury advised the Board that we previously had 4 members of Labor on the Industrial Accident Board. V.P. Khoury's term expires February 27 and as of that day the only man representing Labor as a Commissioner will be Joe Donovan. We are losing three men. Joe Donovan's term runs out in July and that term should be returned to Labor and a Democrat. There is supposed to be no more than 6 Democrats or 6 Republicans on the Board. There is nothing in the law that says it will go to Labor but Labor always had three men when they had a 12 member Board. V.P. Prendergast made a motion which was duly seconded that we ask the Governor to have the 5 temporary people that were appointed to the Industrial Accident Board re-appointed and funded. So voted.

V.P. Campobasso made a motion which was duly seconded that we support anyone from the Labor movement that seeks appointment to the Industrial Accident Board, specifically from this Board, and, if necessary, we approach the Governor in the body as a whole, not just the Executive Officers, to let him know our feelings. So voted.

V.P. Sommers made a motion which was duly seconded that the Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to inform the Governor that we would like to have him attend our April Board meeting. So voted.

COMMUNICATIONS (Cont'd)

From Gov. Dukakis re appointment to Board of Registration of Barbers - V.P. Valentin advised the Board that he received a letter telling him that a non-union person has been chosen to serve on this Board. Motion duly made & seconded that a letter be sent showing our disfavor over a non-union person being used to fill the position. So voted.

From Sen. Anna P. Buckley re legislation - Accepted for file

Copy of letter to Sen. Pres. Harrington re membership of current planning committee concerning re-organization of public higher education in Mass. - Accepted for file

Copy of letter from Jimmy Carter re Right to Work Law - Accepted for file

From Congressmen Burke, O'Neill, Boland and Congresswoman Heckler re Boston Housing Authority's planned layoff - Accepted for file

From Congressmen O'Neill, Conte, Drinan, Burke, Moakley, Boland, Harrington, Congresswoman Heckler & Senator Brooke re Fort Devens - Accepted for file - The Fort is not going to close, it is going to be cut down

From Congressman O'Neill re Natural Gas Emergency Act - Accepted for file

Copy of Proclamation of April 15, 1976 as A. Philip Randolph Day - V.P. Drew said that she is helping the Chapter in the Springfield area - they are going to ask the Mayor of Springfield to declare April 15th A. Philip Randolph day. She thinks the Council should support this 100%. On April 24th there is going to be a dedication ceremony at the Harriet T. Putnam House and V.P. Drew hopes that the Board will bring their members to that meeting. Also there is going to be an area conference at the Highpoint Motor Inn in Chicopee on June 25, 26 & 27. Letters are going out on that to individual locals and V.P. Drew hopes they will send delegates. Motion duly made & seconded to go along with the request to help make April 15th A. Philip Randolph Day. So voted.

V.P. Buffum gave a report on military service people working at Hanscom Air Force Base & Ft. Devens cleaning the premises for a contract cleaner. He spoke to the Commissioner of Labor about this. The Commissioner acted and was told by the Air Force at Hanscome that it was Federal jurisdiction. A letter was sent to Ussery complaining about this. The International talked to people at the Pentagon. There is a 12-14% unemployment and military people are doing the jobs.

Roll Call.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
APRIL 15, 1976

Present: President Sullivan, Exec. V.P. Cleary, Farnham, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin, Vice Presidents Barron, Brunelle, Buffum, Campbell, Cardinal, Devlin, Dominick, Drew, Gill Grieco, Khoury, Lavin, LeBlanc, Litano, Mello, O'Neil, Prendergast, Quinn, Rodwell, Sommers, Sullivan, Tarallo, Wall, and Weng.

Absent: Vice Presidents Campobasso, Fernandes (union bus.), Ferreira, LaGrasta, Leshyk, Moseley, Osborn (union bus.), Sonsini, and Valentino (union bus.).

The meeting convened at 10:10 a.m. with President Sullivan presiding.

V. P. Lavin read the Council Prayer and there was a moment of silence for the departed (Brad Hamilton, Boot & Shoe Workers).

The minutes of the March 18, 1976 meeting were accepted as written.

Secretary-Treasurer Loughlin wished the Council a Happy Easter and then requested that the June meeting be changed to the 24th because the 17th was Bunkerhill Day and that the May meeting be held on the 11th. A motion was duly made and seconded to this effect and it was so voted.

NEW AFFILIATION

Mass. State Council of Machinists
Motion duly made and seconded to accept. So voted.

WITHDRAWALS

Cambridge Fire Fighters Local 30 — 233 members
Motion duly made and seconded to table until their April 23rd meeting for a report from Dusty Alwood. So voted.

Textile Workers Union of America Local 642 — 375 members
Motion duly made and seconded to table until V. P. Fernandes could report on the subject. So voted.

Communication Workers of Americal 1370 — 220 members
Motion duly made and seconded to table until local has another meeting and V. P. Grieco can report on the subject. So voted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sullivan thanked the members of the Council for their calls while he was out ill.

Pres. Sullivan reported on the problem with the United Way and the Quincy Building and Construction Trades Council. A contract has been awarded for construction on the Quincy YMCA to a non-union contractor. The Quincy Bldg. & Const. Trades has drawn up a resolution for their convention withdrawing support of the United Way and requesting the Mass. State Labor Council to do the same. Pres. Sullivan has been trying to work out a reasonable solution to the problem with the Bldg. Trades and the United Way. It was noted that the Council could not boycott the United Way without an investigation from National AFL-CIO.

V. P. Buffum objected to our involvement in this matter because the Service Employees were not afforded the same courtesy when they had problems with the Boston YMCA. He said he was ruled out of order at that time.

Pres. Sullivan referred V. P. Buffum to the minutes of the two meetings concerning this subject matter and noted that there was no request for a meeting to be held with anybody. Otherwise, we would have done the same for you. Pres. Sullivan will send the minutes of the two meetings to V. P. Buffum.

Motion duly made and seconded to accept the President's Report. So voted.

V. P. Devlin made a motion that the Executive Council of the Mass. State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, support and endorse Local 1707 of the American Federation of Teachers in their efforts to include binding arbitration in the grievance procedure of their collective bargaining agreement in order to structure a mechanism to peacefully resolve differences and that a letter be sent to the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee urging them to agree to such a provision. The motion was seconded and so voted.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin gave the General Fund & COPE financial reports.

V.P. Mello made a motion to include the financial report with the minutes to the Executive Officers. The motion was defeated.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin reported that he would like to have the members of the Council at the State House on Tuesday for the hearing on House Bill 4624. He expressed his opposition to this unemployment compensation bill presented by the Governor.

V.P. Devlin read a letter from the Worcester State College Faculty Federation Local 2070, Frank S. Minasian, Chairman, in which the Executive Council was asked for support in their efforts in gaining funding for certain schools and that all affiliates be asked to contact their legislators on behalf of the schools. Support was also requested for the informational picketing at these 5 institutions on May 5, 1976. A motion was duly made and seconded to comply with the request. So voted.

Motion was duly made and seconded to accept Secretary-Treasurer's Report. So voted.

Exec. V. P. Farnham reported on the Flat Rate Proposal that would redistribute money to be paid for electricity. Supposedly it reduces household rates, but it puts pressure on industry. He explained that a few dollars would be saved on our electricity costs but the cost of consumer products would go up and Massachusetts' industry would be driven from the State because of high power rates.

Sec. Treas. Loughlin stated that he was in favor of flat rates.

Exec. V. P. Cleary reported that the Boston Central Labor Council at their last meeting decided on a position opposing flat rates.

A recess in the regular order of business was called for because the Governor was now ready to appear before the Council. A motion was duly made and seconded to recess. So voted.

Pres. Sullivan introduced the Governor who then explained his latest unemployment compensation package.

The State is now facing unemployment compensation $265 million in the hole. We can do one of three things: (1) cut benefits, (2) tighten eligibility, or (3) increase employer contributions. He has chosen the last two. He wants to turn unemployment checks into payroll checks. He is open to amendments on proposed legislation.

Pres. Sullivan called for questions from the Council Members.

V. P. Litano suggested an unemployment and strike benefit bill to be funded by a wage tax. The concensus of the Council was that they were in favor of a ¼% wage tax for this purpose if the money was used for the purpose intended. V. P. Buffum was opposed to this proposal.

V.P. Tarallo asked who would determine what "suitable employment" meant. The Gov. replied that there would be a panel with an appeal procedure.
V. P. Drew suggested that there is a need for labor representatives on these panels. She also stated her objections to the "cleaning out" efforts at the University of Mass. Administrative jobs need cleaning out not the low paid workers. Also, the proposal to have a cooperative run by the students would put employees out of work.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin told the Governor that he was disappointed that our requests have not been honored. These include workmen's compensation, the airport, blue laws, I-95, graduated income taxes and unemployment compensation.
Gov. Dukakis stated his administration was against an airport curfew, that there are many different opinions from labor regarding blue laws, that he was trying to keep problems of I-95 out of the courts, that unemployment compensation is a $265 million dollar problem and that the Lt. Gov. would have to answer the question relative to workmen's compensation.

The Vice Presidents told the Governor of several problems their locals were having relative to the new voluntary quits laws and the Governor suggested that any problems be submitted to him in writing.

The Governor also agreed to look into matters on the Workmen's Compensation temporary commissioners.

V. P. Sommers asked the Governor why he was supporting the Ban the Bottles Bill and was told that return bottles might keep Massachusetts cleaner.

V. P. Mello suggested that we should not try to compete with New Hampshire.
The problem of unemployment compensation and national health should be a nationally run program.

V. P. Khoury brought up the problem of the backlog of Workmen's Comp. cases and the fact that without personnel work will not get done.

V. P. Dominick brought up the subject of the graduated income tax and the Governor said they are trying to get a moderated tax bill passed.

Exec. V. P. Farnham expressed his dismay at the unfair task force on unemployment.

The Governor expressed his thanks to the Council for letting him come and the regular order of business continued.

V. P. Litano reported that he met with Fair Share in his area and that they had many unanswered questions. They did not know how it would effect tax rates or the consumer. Surveys should be taken in each community to see how flat rates would effect people. He will send in surveys from his area.

V. P. Grieco has background papers on the issue which he will send in.

Exec. V. P. Cleary made a motion that the Massachusetts State Labor Council go on record against Flat Rates. Exec. V. P. Farnham stated that we are not opposed to Life Line and V. P. Drew said we should be sure to clarify our position on Flat Rates when we go public. Motion seconded and so voted.

Motion duly made and seconded to ask the Governor if he would be willing to come to a meeting with officers of the affiliates and their delegates and answer questions at a date and time set by the Secretary-Treasurer. So voted.

V. P. Khoury requested that pressure be put on the Governor's Office for the bill relative to workmen's compensation.

COPE REPORT

Dir. Callahan reported that the Interviews for the Harvard Trade Union Program were held on April 5, 1976. The recipients are: Robert Watt Fellowship--John F. O'Neil, Cement Masons Local 534; Trade Union Alumni Fellowship--Richard Gallo, I.U.E. Local 201 and Mass. State Labor Council Fellowship--Robert C. Keough, Sheet Metal Workers Local 17. The judges for the 21 applicants were Joseph P. O'Donnell of the Harvard Trade Union Program, Lawrence Bongiovanni of the Mass. Dept. of Education and Mrs. Ethel Fohder of the Mass. Teachers.

The scholarship examination was given in the high schools on April 7, 1976. Some 4900 exams were sent to the schools this year and the results of the multiple choice questions are currently being evaluated.

Dir. Callahan reported that Congressman Macdonald announced that he will not be seeking re-election in the 7th Congressional District. We are currently awaiting recommendations for endorsement from the Central Labor Councils who are involved.

Approximately 125 Conferees have registered for the Gompers-Murray Educational Institute to be held on May 13 and 14, 1976. Dir. Callahan appealed to the Council members for their assistance in getting needed conferees. Albert Clifton is to be honored this year with the Certificate of Merit Award.

No direction has been received from National COPE regarding the Presidential Campaign.

Leonard Hood of Local 455, Springfield, has been appointed to the Board of Higher Education.

A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the COPE Report. So voted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Director Cashman reported on the following Legislation:

1. S53, H1005 -- This bill would require insurance companies to pay costs of industrial accident board.
2. Right to Work Bill -- Dir. Cashman thanked the Council Members who attended The Right to Work hearing. The Committee voted "ought not to pass" on a motion by Rep. Demers--by unanimous vote the bill was defeated.
3. There was a Workmen's Compensation working meeting with several members of Labor and members of Commerce and Labor Committee. 80 Bills were discussed ana a package is coming out of Committee.

   There will be an executive session on Workmen's Compensation and you should contact your Representatives and Senators regarding this.

4. Late filed Bill 4541 by Speaker McGee--would keep the 5 temporary commissioners on the Industrial Accident Board.
   Commissioner Martin testified against this because he needs staff more than Commissioners. We need staff, but we need commissioners also.

5. The late filed bill H4747 re illegal aliens -- Supreme Court made it legal for an employer to ask alien status.
6. H. B. 4624 re Reform of Unemployment was distributed to the Council members. Bill is detrimental to Labor. We must have reasons for our opposition to the bill.
7. Graduated Income Tax--we are in favor. Representative Piro needs serious campaign to win referendum.
8. H. 998 re contractors who don't pay health and welfare and pension benefits-- provides for fines - one year jail sentance - received an "ought to pass" is now in third reading.
9. H4588 re closing Logan Airport -- we are opposed.
10. Generic Drugs H871 -- we testified and are hoping for a favorable report from the Committee.
11. Bill allowing for 2/3 of the average weekly wage for Workmen's Compensation. Should be a major gain. Have representative at executive session.
12. Representative Pickett's Workmen's Compensation Bill re non-union employee receiving same as the union employee. If passed would be a major gain as a labor bill.
    Motion duly made and seconded to support Representative Pickett's Bill. So voted.

Daniel Murray gave a report on unemployment compensation bill and reviewed the bad effects it would have.

A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the Legislative Report. So voted.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Karen Nussbaum, Campaign for a Democratic Foreign Policy, re Mass. State Labor Council join with ACWA and ILGWU in sending letters to the Mass. Congressional delegation urging vote against military aid to dictators. Motion duly made and seconded to comply with request. So voted.

Thank you from Joseph J. Donovan re his endorsement by the Council for reappointment as member of the Industrial Accident Board -- Accepted for file

From Senator Edward M. Kennedy re our communication on closing of Fort Devens -- Accepted for file

From Charles A. Carroll, Pres., I.B.E.W. Local 1228 re lock out assistance from Mass. State Labor Council. Motion duly made and seconded to help when requested. So vote

From George Meany re statement adopted on nursing homes. Accepted - refer to Community Services Committee.

From Alan Kistler, Dept. of Organization & Field Services, AFL-CIO, re Russell Stover Boycott -- Motion duly made and seconded to send letter. So voted.

From Howard N. Smith re appointment of 5 temporary commissioners to the Industrial Accident Board -- Accepted for file

Copy from Lt. Governor O'Neill, Jr. re proposed layoff of maintenance personnel by the Boston Housing Authority -- Accepted for file

From Congressman Paul E. Tsongas re awarding of government contracts to foreign firms (H.R. 10940) - copy to Joe Mello

Roll Call

Meeting Adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
STATLER HILTON HOTEL, BOSTON
May 11, 1976

Present: Pres. Sullivan, Exec. V.P. Cleary, Exec. V.P. Farnham, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin, Vice Presidents Barron, Brunelle, Buffum, Campbell, Devlin Gill, Grieco, Lavin, LeBlanc, Leshyk, O'Neil, Osborn, Prendergast, Sommers, Tarallo and Wall

Absent: Vice Presidents Campobasso (union bus.), Drew, Fernandes (union bus.) Ferreira (union bus.) Khoury (union bus.) LaGrasta, Litano (union bus.) Mello (union bus.) Quinn (ill), Rodwell (union bus.) Sonsini, Sullivan (union bus.), Valentino, Weng (union bus.), Cardinal, Dominick (union bus.) and Moseley (union bus.)

Meeting convened at 10:20 A.M.

The Council Prayer was read and there was a moment of silence for the departed.

Minutes of April 15, 1976 meeting were accepted as written.

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

Long Island Hospital Employees, Local 370 (AFSC&ME) — 189 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept. So voted.

RE-AFFILIATION

Int'l Chemical Workers Union Local 414, Chicopee — 210 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept. So voted

DECREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

USA No. 2285, Worcester (From 1100 to 1000) — 100 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept. So voted.

WITHDRAWALS

AFSC&ME Local 910, Springfield — 388 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to turn this over to Vice Presidents Brunelle, Wall & Dominick for a report at the next meeting. So voted.

CWA Local 1370, Clinton (financial problems) — 220 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to table this until V.P. Grieco reports to us at the next meeting.

Cambridge Fire Fighters Local 30, Cambridge — 233 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to table until next meeting. So voted.

EXONERATION

Rubber Workers Federal Labor Union No. 23578 (DALU) — 20 Members
(On strike since 3/7/76) - Motion duly made & seconded to exonerate any rubbers workers union that is on strike and the Executive Officers be authorized to assist them financially. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin read the communication from Pres. Meany re United Rubber Workers boycott of all Firestone products. Motion duly made & seconded to send a letter to all affiliates telling them of this boycott and the boycott of Russell Stover. So voted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sullivan reported that he issued a joint statement with Secretary-Treasurer Loughlin regarding the Governor's stand on the 51 million dollars in highway funds. The Executive Officers have requested a meeting with him as soon as he is back in Mass. The Building Trades and the Labor Council intend to do everything possible to get this money. Senator Brooke has stated on TV that he will use every possible means to work with the Senate President and the Speaker of the House to change the Governor's mind. If he doesn't change his mind then legislation will be presented & if hevetoes that they will overrule his veto to get this money. This money will go back into the economy and will only cost the State 5 million.

Exec. V.P. Cleary stated that there would be a hearing at the State House at 10:30 A.M. tomorrow regarding the 51 million dollar highway construction safety fund.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin read the communication from Edward T. Sullivan, Bus. Mgr. Service Employees asking that the State Labor Council take direct and affirmative action regarding the Governor's rejection of the 51 million dollars in highway construction safety funds.

Pres. Sullivan informed the Council that a Committee from the Building Trades would speak to the Board at 12:00 about a march they are planning. Members of the Committee are Tom Evers, Carmine D'Olimpio and Charlie DeRosa.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept President's Report. So voted.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin gave the General Fund & Cope financial reports. So voted.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the financial reports.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin stated that he was upset about a meeting that the Executive Vice Presidents had with Walter Muther. The meeting was arranged after Sec.-Treas. Loughlin left an Executive Officers meeting and he felt he should have been consulted. He does not believe that the Council should meet with A.I.M.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin is of the opinion that what was discussed with the Senate and House Committee was much better than what came out yesterday. It was discussed with Bill Cashman and Bill Cashman's understanding was that the increase would be on a sliding scale up to $175 and we would keep the dependents. It was agreed that Bill Cashman would arrange a meeting with the Committee on Commerce & Labor to find out if we have an agreement with them on statements made in front of people present at the Executive Session.

Pres. Sullivan advised the Council that after Sec.-Treas. Loughlin left the Executive Officers meeting Exec. V.P. Farnham received a phone call after which he told Pres. Sullivan he was in the throes of setting up a meeting to discuss Workmen's Compensation. Pres. Sullivan questioned whether this was the thing to do and it was pointed out to him that at the April 17, 1975 Council meeting a vote was taken to leave the question of whether or not to meet with Management to the Executive Officers. Pres. Sullivan said he would not attend the meeting, told Bill Cashman not to attend and knew that Sec.-Treas. Loughlin would not attend.

Exec. V.P. Farnham gave out a written statement to the members present. He also said that he understood what his duties are as Executive Vice President. He makes up 25% of the Executive Officers and is not a rubber stamp. He told the Council that he was asked at the meeting if the Executive Vice Presidents were there to negotiate. He told them he had no authority to negotiate. He also stated that if $175. was offered with $6.00 for dependents he agrees we should take it. It was his understanding that we were asked if we would take $175; the Committee did not say they would give us that.

Exec. V.P. Cleary stated that when he became Executive Vice President he was told that in the event one of the Executive Officers was absent the majority would rule. He also wanted to know why if $175.00 was offered we didn't buy it then. At the meeting the Executive Vice Presidents attended a figure of $30.00 was mentioned which would bring the total up to $125.00. Exec. V.P. Cleary said that he only went to the meeting to find out what they had to offer and report it back to the Council. He doesn't have the authority to make any deals without the consent of this organization.

V.P. Prendergast, Chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Committee, stated that he would not meet with Muther as he is insurance. V.P. Prendergast believes that we should have a full time man working on Workmen's Compensation.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept Secretary-Treasurer's Report. So voted.

COPE REPORT

The Education Committee met on May 3, 1976. Subject matter discussed was the forthcoming Institute. Cope Dir. Callahan requested that no unscheduled speeches be made. Al Clifton will receive the Certificate of Merit Award for 1976. Voter education was also discussed.

The High School examinations have been culled to approximately 150 and the final judging will take place on May 21, 1976. The classes of the Harvard Trade Union were most cooperative in helping to expedite the program.

The Commonwealth colloquium will be held on June 11th at the University of Mass. in Boston and the Mass. State Labor Council has been invited to participate. Vocational education and related matters will be discussed.

Total conferees as of May 10, 1976 is 224. In 1975 the total was 274. There will be a change in the program - Whitney Jackson will replace Mr. Fernandes - Robert Georgine will be the Thursday night guest speaker. Sec.-Treas. Loughlin will speak on Friday in the A.M.

Lawrence-Haverhill legislative night is May 26, 1976.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept Cope report. So voted.

Leg. Dir. Cashman reported that he talked to Frank Quirk of the Committee on Commerce & Labor and told him that the Executiver Officers wanted a meeting with the two Chairmen and the Committee. He is working on setting this up.

Tom Evers of the Building Trades spoke to the Council about a demonstration that is being planned to show the dissatisfaction of the people at what is going on in Massachusetts. At a Building Trades Executive Council meeting it was the feeling of all the members that the Mass. State Labor Council be asked to participate. The majority of the legislators are Democrats and they still give us the run around.

They think we don't have any clout. They want to march from Commonwealth Avenue past the State House to Boston Common and have a rally. The date suggested is June 17, 1976 at 11:00 A.M. He asked that a committee of 3 from the Mass. State Labor Council be appointed to work with his committee.

Motion duly made & seconded to participate in the demonstration with the Building Trades. It was unanimously voted.

Motion duly made & seconded that the Executive Officers of the Building Trades organization and the Executive Officers of the Mass. State Labor Council and Vice Presidents Osborn, Buffum and Gill be appointed to set up the demonstration. So voted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Leg. Dir. Cashman spoke to the Council about Workmen's Compensation. He thinks we will get an ought to pass on the $175 and dependents.

Leg. Dir. Cashman said that he still doesn't think we should meet with Muther. Muther has no authority to give us anything. The point of the meetings between Muther and Labor is that he is trying to guarantee no fight in the House and Senate between Labor and Management. Muther can truthfully say that he had a meeting with organized Labor regarding Workmen's Compensation and the inference to the Committee or whoever is that we made an agreement.

Leg. Dir. Cashman received a call from Mrs. Larson of the telephone workers to set up a meeting with the Speaker relative to House Bill 4245. The Speaker assured them, after it was explained to him how many girls would be laid off, that he would make every effort to get it passed. The Speaker told them that work would have to be done in the Senate.

A bill was filed at the beginning of the year regarding minimum wage (H.4469). The Speaker has been contacted and he will pry it out of Ways & Means.

The Illegal Aliens Bill (H.4701) is getting a favorable report. It should go through the House and he thinks we can move it through the Senate.

There is supposed to be a meeting with Crosier and Anderson on the unemployment package next Thursday. Anderson, who was involved in drafting the voluntary quits bill, requested that we meet in the office of the Labor Council.
Motion duly made & seconded to accept Legislative report. So voted.
V.P. Osborn reported that the Committee on the Demonstration has chosen June 17, 1976 at 11:00 A.M. for the march.

Motion duly made & seconded to have the next Executive Council meeting on Thursday, June 10, 1976 at the usual hour. At that meeting a finalized report will be given by the Committee on the Demonstration. So voted.

V.P. Gill reported that the Committee would like to have a meeting on June 10, 1976 at 2:00 P.M. at the Statler Hilton Hotel.

Motion duly made & seconded to hold a joint Committee meeting plus the Building Trades, ourselves, Officers, Presidents and Business Agents of Local unions on June 10, 1976 at 2:00 P.M.

Motion duly made & seconded that the report of the Committee be accepted.
So voted.

Motion duly made & seconded to approve the recommendation that every Vice President call and tell their people about the march.

Danny Murray spoke to the Council about the Governor's bill (H.4624), the substance of which is that Unemployment Insurance recipients have to accept suitable work. The ultimate purpose of H.4624 is to compel people to take jobs at the very lowest legal minimum wage.

Motion duly made & seconded that a leaflet be distributed urging people to contact their legislators to tell them they are opposed to H.4624. So voted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution from Nello Ricardi AFL-CIO Field Rep. re Stop-lite match - Motion duly made & seconded to approve taking action on the resolution. So voted.

From Sebastian J. Rebaldo, Bus. Mgr. United Optical Workers Union re poster asking members to purchase American Optical Products - Accepted for file

From Representative Ronald A. Sarasin re hearings on Workmen's Compensation - Accepted for file

From Barbara Magovsky, Committee to Ratify Mass. State E.R.A. asking for the opportunity to address the Executive Council concerning the State Equal Rights Amendment - Motion duly made & seconded to allow them to address our next meeting. So voted.

From Steven D. Karchmar, Exec. Sec. Service Employees Local 495 asking that the Mass. State Labor Council submit his name to the Governor for appointment to the Board of Review of the Division of Employment Security - V.P. Buffum made a motion which was duly seconded that this be tabled until the next meeting. So voted.

Roll Call

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
STATLER HILTON HOTEL, BOSTON
JUNE 24, 1976

Present: President Sullivan, Exec. V.P. Farnham, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin, Vice Presidents Brunelle, Campbell, Campobasso, Cardinal, Devlin, Dominick, Fernandes, Khoury, LaGrasta, Lavin, LeBlanc, O'Neil, Osborn, Prendergast, Rodwell, Sullivan, Valentino, Wall and Weng

Absent: Exec. V.P. Cleary (union bus.), Barron, Buffum, Drew, Ferreira, Gill (union bus.), Grieco (union bus.) Leshyk, Litano (union bus.), Mello, Moseley, Quinn, Sommers (union bus.), Sonsini, and Tarallo

Meeting convened at 10:20 A.M. with President Sullivan presiding.

V.P. Brunelle read the Council Prayer and there was a moment of silence for the departed.

Minutes of May 11, 1976 meeting were accepted as written.

DECREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

Bartenders Local 34 (From 1500 - 1200)	300 Members
USA No. 2285 (From 1000 - 900)	100 Members

Motion duly made & seconded to accept. So voted.

WITHDRAWALS

AFSC&ME Local 910	388 Members
DALU Local 24024 - Now with ILGWU	35 Members
Lowell State College Faculty Fed. Local 2174 - merged with Lowell University and now with Mass. Teachers Association	81 Members
Cambridge Fire Fighters Local 30	233 Members

Motion duly made & seconded to accept Secretary-Treasurer's report on withdrawals. So voted.

STRIKE TERMINATION

Rubber Workers Federal Labor Union #23578 (returned to work 5/17)	70 Members

Motion duly made & seconded to accept. So voted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pres. Sullivan asked V.P. Osborn to give a report on the committee that was set up to work with the Building Trades in setting up a demonstration.

V.P. Osborn reported that immediately following the vote to form the committee a meeting was held. The Building Trades people were intent on having the parade in one month's time. V.P. Osborn talked to the rest of the committee and then reported to President Sullivan that he didn't think it was possible to accomplish the demonstration in one month. It was voted in Chicopee to go back to the Building Trades and inform their committee that it couldn't be done in that time but we would be willing to cooperate at a later date. A meeting was held by both committees and Tom Evers, the Chairman, was informed of our position. He understood completely and said that the Building Trades were going to go ahead themselves. No demonstration was held and V.P. Osborn got a communication advising that they would rather put it off and have it on September 15, 1976, the Wednesday of our convention.

President Sullivan stated that we would have to find out what time of day they were planning on as we can't allow it to interfere with our Convention. It is only a 3 day convention - 1½ days for our business and 1½ for Cope.

Motion duly made & seconded to indicate to the Building Trades that we are still willing to cooperate with them and allow V.P. Osborn to have a meeting with his committee and the Building Trades Committee and report back to us. So voted.

Some time ago a resolution was passed by the Building Trades Convention. President Sullivan informed the Council, which in effect stated that they were withdrawing support from the United Way of Mass. Bay and that the resolution be introduced at our convention. This resolution came about due to the fact that the Quincy YMCA handled out a contract to a non union contractor from the North Shore. A meeting was held with Bob Chandler, Berry Aronson, Frank Prioli, Frank Broderick and Arthur DiPietro. Bob Chandler was told that this resolution was going to be brought before the Building Trades Convention and would cause problems with organized labor if the resolution were to pass. After a discussion with Carmine D'Olimpio they were able to get him to soften the language with regard to the withdrawal of all organized labor's support.

Leo Perlis, head of the Community Services Dept., an arm of the AFL-CIO, had been kept up to date on the situation and Pres. Sullivan and Exec. V.P. Farnham met with Mr. Perlis to discuss the situation. Mr. Perlis made the following points: The Building Trades may adopt any resolution they deem appropriate - the three requests that were made by Mr. D'Olimpio were reasonable - Labor representation on United Way Board is inadequate - no central labor council is authorized to initiate officially a boycott of the YMCA or the United Way without following certain procedures. A statement made by the AFL-CIO Executive Council regarding Agency-Union problems dated 2/26/68 resolved to request all central labor bodies to refer all requests to boycott all such agencies that are involved in local labor disputes to the AFL-CIO Department of Community Services and to direct the AFL-CIO Department of Community Services to intervene with the appropriate agencies for the purpose of obtaining a speedy and satisfactory resolution of each problem. This is what the Building Trades are required to do and we will so notify them. Under our rules if a resolution comes in that has anything to do with boycotting the United Way of Mass. Bay we will send them a copy of this statement and the rules laid down by the AFL-CIO Executive Council and advise them that they have to follow the rules.

The Vice Presidents then discussed the various problems they were having with the United Way. V.P. LaGrasta said that he had been having trouble in the Brockton area for a long time. They cannot get a labor man on the committee. President Sullivan said that we had never received a request for help from the Brockton Central Labor Council and if we receive a letter we will call it to the attention of Mr. Perlis.

Motion duly made & seconded to leave the problem of the Mass. Bay United Way in the hands of the Executive Officers and an ad hoc committee be appointed to look into this matter.

V.P. O'Neil stated that it was his understanding that a move was underway by the Mass. Bay United Way to withhold $100,000 from the Mass. Medical Foundation. Exec. V.P. Farnham told him that he thinks the money is going to be restored.

A motion was duly made & seconded that we go on record supporting the request of the Mass. Medical Foundation and a letter be sent stating this. So voted.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the President's Report. So voted.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin gave the General Fund & Cope financial reports. Motion duly made & seconded to accept the reports. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin reported that the books were closing on June 30th and the locals that are in arrears will be suspended.

Sec.-Treas Loughlin and V.P. Sullivan had made arrangements to have our 1977 Convention at the Copley Plaza Hotel due to the fact the Statler was going to close. We now find that the Statler is not going to close. We haven't signed with the Copley but we have given our word. Sec.-Treas. Loughlin wanted to know if the Council still wants to have the 1977 Convention at the Copley or if he should switch to the Statler.

V.P. Sullivan pointed out that he represents all hotels. We did make a commitment to the Copley and he has to sit in negotiations with these people shortly. He doesn't care if we have the convention at the Statler but he wants to be taken off the hook.

Motion duly made & seconded to leave this in the hands of Secretary-Treasurer Loughlin and V.P. Sullivan. So voted.

AFSC&ME is on strike and Sec.-Treas. Loughlin told the Council about a meeting that was held with the Governor at the beginning of the year regarding legislation. At that time collective bargaining was discussed and the Governor assured us he would sit down with people and do the best he could. He would try to make it as harmonious as possible and come up with a reasonable agreement. We have contacted Paul Quirk & Howard Doyle to advise them that this Council is behind them 100% and we deplore the Governor's action. We also issued a press statement which we haven't seen in the papers, some of which we called directly.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept Secretary-Treasurer's Report. So voted.

V.P. Khoury stated that money is coming in hand over fist from the Mass. State Lottery. Forty million is being distributed to cities and towns. The cities and towns received their raises with no arguments but the State gets nothing.

Motion duly made & seconded by V.P. Khoury and seconded by V.P. Campbell requesting that the Executive Officers look into the matter of money going out to cities and towns from the Governor and find out about keeping some in the State. So voted.

The Vice Presidents discussed the strike and V.P. LaGrasta made a motion which was duly seconded that, in spite of the fact we will not know today what is going to happen regarding the strike, we leave it up to the Executive Officers to support the Alliance in any position required. So voted.

V.P. Brunelle made a motion which was duly seconded that the July 15th Executive Council meeting be held at the Highpoint in Chicopee. So voted.

COPE REPORT
Cope Dir. Callahan reported that June 29th is the last day for filing locally and July 6 is the last day for State filing. The primary will be held on September 14, 1976.

Following is the list of winners for the top awards of the 1976 Scholarship program:

Kennedy Award - Mary Beth Sullivan, Springfield
Lavigne Award - John R. Harrington, Boston Latin
Camilio Award - Diane Hartley, Chelmsford
American Income Award - William Gard, Jr., Lynn English
N.E.E.S. Award - Susan Gately, Braintree

A letter has been sent out requesting that all locals submit the names of their Cope Chairperson. These will be submitted to National Cope.

Cope Dir. Callahan met with Jim Riley re Front Lash discussion.

Letters have been sent to Congressmen Early, Drinan & Tsongas. Meetings will be arranged with labor representatives in the Congressmen's respective districts. Congressman Early's meeting will take place on July 9, 1976 in Worcester - Congressman Drinan's meeting will be held on August 17, 1976 in Waltham.

Cope Dir. Callahan talked with Dean Clowes of the Steelworkers Cope re distribution of Sen. Kennedy's literature. It will be forwarded to the office for perusal. A call was also received from National Cope re Kennedy primary.

Ed Pannerello (Retail Clerks) of National Cope has offered his services in respective congressional districts.

A letter has been sent to all Cope members relative to a meeting on July 19, 1976 at the Statler Hilton Hotel.

Cope Dir. Callahan gave a report on the success of the recent Gompers-Murray Institute.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the Cope Report. So voted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT
The tips and gratuities bill which is in its third reading and the bill to prevent the hiring of illegal aliens both came out favorably. The Speaker says there will be no problem in the House. We will have to do our work in the Senate.

We were requested to assist with 3 MBTA bills which would affect the work procedure severely and were successful in defeating those bills. We are in the process of preparing a roll call record and would be pleased to include these bills in our records.

Leg. Dir. Cashman has been working with Frank Quirk and the Chairman regarding the Workmen's Compensation bills. He believes that we are going to come out with a good bill. It would seem that we are going to get the largest monetary gain ever. It will go from $95 - $150 & retain dependents in the lower bracket. Dependency benefits would cease at $150. Maximum would be $175 - $185. However, there is a snag - Leg. Dir. Cashman got a call from Walter Muther who said that there was a misunderstanding about his position. He and John Prendergast met

with Muther & McLaughlin. We would go along with a 2/3 average with $150 and dependents, drop dependents after $150 and go to $175 maximum. Muther would raise it from $95 to $140 on a sliding scale for dependents - $39 for 1 dependent, $33 for 2, $27 for 3 and $21 for 4. Leg. Dir. Cashman and John Prendergast figured it out and it came out to less than nothing. Muther wanted it in a two year stage. The second year would be $100% of average weekly wage of the state.

The Governor's unemployment bill is pretty well shot down. Crosier and Anderson have been flooding the committee with technical reports. We have the services of Mr. McHugh who formerly worked for the Division of Employment Security and the committee respects our reports.

The bottle & can bill will be on a referendum.

There was a bill in the State House to boycott goods and services to Arab countries. Brothers Mulloney, Osborn & Bengston appeared on it. The bill was short circuited in the Senate.

We were successful in killing the amendment to the generic drug bill.

Mr. Rapoport of Fair Shares has asked us to support H.5132, the Lifeline bill. Labor has always been for a Lifeline bill. It should come out of the House with an ought-to-pass. Senator Kelly has filed an amendment to cut the waiting time from 9 months to immediately. Mr. Rapoport would like a letter of support of the Lifeline bill from the Council.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept Legislative Report. So voted.

Exec. V.P. Farnham made a motion which was duly seconded that the Council go on record in support of H.5132 and notify the proper people at the State House of our position. So voted.

V.P. Cardinal advised the Council that Tony Svizzero asked him to express his thanks to Secretary-Treasurer Loughlin for his help on the day of the demonstration.

V.P. Campobasso told the Council that ACWA and the Textile Workers Union have merged and should now be called the Amalgamated Clothing & Textile Workers Union.

V.P. Campobasso requested that with regard to our convention we should notify the hotel not to use J.P. Stevens products. Official action was taken at a former convention. There is a nationwide campaign against J.P. Stevens. All affiliates will be notified of products made by J.P. Stevens & Burlington Mills. The boycott will officially start when we get the word and we expect all affiliates to support this boycott.

Motion duly made & seconded that the Council notify all affiliates and central labor councils about this boycott and tell them we want their cooperation. So voted.

V.P. Fernandes pointed out that the research department is now putting together a list identifying the products.

President Sullivan appointed a committee of V.P. Campobasso & V.P. Fernandes to meet with Brother Sullivan regarding J.P. Stevens products at the convention. Sec.-Treas. Loughlin will also be involved.

Ann Kendall of the Committee to Ratify the Mass. State Equal Rights Amendment asked for the Council's help in getting individual unions to support the Equal Rights Amendment.

President Sullivan said we would go on record in favor of the amendment and suggested we comply with her request by giving her the opportunity to speak at our convention and notify our local unions.

Motion duly made & seconded to leave this matter in the hands of the Executive Officers. So voted.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Congressman O'Neill, Jr. re candidacy for the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives - Placed on file

From Congressman O'Neill re congressional action on military assistance to foreign countries - Placed on file

From Congressman Burke re O'Neill Amendment - Placed on file

From Senator Kennedy, Congressmen Moakley, Conte, O'Neill, Burke, Boland and Tsongas re H.R. 9431, National Workmen's Comp. bill - Placed on file

From Jerry Lewis re Labor Day Telethon - Placed on file. Pres. Sullivan told the Members of the Council that he hopes there will be labor people manning the phones all during the Telethon and told the Vice Presidents to contact us if they would like to man the phones

From Frank Emig, Ass't Dir. Dept. of Organization & Field Services AFL-CIO congratulating us on defeat of right-to-work bill

From Congressmen Tsongas re government contracts being awarded to foreign companies - Placed on file

From Leo Perlis, Director, Dept. of Community Services re United Way - Placed on file

From President Meany re women's rights - Placed on file

From John J. Martin, Chairman Division of Industrial Accidents re appointment to Industrial Accident Board - Also from V.P. Gill asking that the Council recommend the appointment of Leonard M. Sprague, Jr. to Industrial Accident Board - Motion duly made & seconded to submit the names of V.P. Rodwell and Leonard M. Sprague, Jr. for appointment to the Industrial Accident Board. So voted.

From President Meany re boycott of J.P. Stevens Company products - Motion duly made & seconded to comply with request. So voted.

From Senator Conte re legislation to amend Chapter 136 (Common Day of Rest Law) Placed on file.

From Meat Cutters Local 540 asking the public not to purchase Golden Nugget Poultry with inspection nos. P-250 and P-206 - Placed on file

From Meat Cutters Local P-777 requesting the public not to purchase Jimmy Dean Pork Sausage - Placed on file

From V.P. Grieco advising he will be unable to attend the meeting as he is attending his CWA Convention - Placed on file

Roll Call

Meeting adjourned at 1:10.

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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
HIGHPOINT MOTOR INN
JULY 15, 1976

Present: Pres. Sullivan, Exec. V.P. Farnham, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin, Vice Presidents Brunelle, Cardinal, Dominick, Drew, Lavin, O'Neil, Tarallo, Valentino, Wall & Weng

Absent: Exec. V.P. Cleary (union bus.), Barron, Buffum, Campbell, Campobasso (union bus.) Devlin (union bus.), Fernandes, Ferreira, Gill (union bus.) Grieco (union bus.), Khoury, LaGrasta, LeBlanc (union bus.) Lesbyk, Litano (union bus.), Mello, Moseley, Osborn, Prendergast (vacation) Quinn (illness), Rodwell (union bus.), Sommers (union bus.), Sonsini, Sullivan (union bus.)

Meeting convened at 10:30 A.M. with President Sullivan presiding.

V.P. Lavin read the Council prayer and there was a moment of silence for the departed.

Minutes of June 24, 1976 meeting were accepted with the following correction: Page 5, paragraph 9 should read that V.P. Cardinal advised the Council that Tony Svizzero asked him to express his thanks to Secretary-Treasurer Loughlin for his help on the day of the demonstration at the Braswell Shipyard.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pres. Sullivan asked the Executive Council if the Governor should be invited to our Convention.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin stated that he has received calls from people stating that the Governor should not be invited to the Convention - V.P. Cardinal pointed out that the Governor is going to be in Greece at the time of our Convention - V.P. O'Neil doesn't think the Governor should be invited because he doesn't listen to us. We submitted V.P. Rodwell's name for a position on the Industrial Accident Board and V.P. Rodwell received a letter telling him that the position has been filled. V.P. Drew doesn't think the Governor should be invited because of the way he is treating the State employees.

Pres. Sullivan stated that we will notify the absent members of the Executive Council of any action taken and ask them if they have any objections. We will ask for their approval as we do not have a quorum.

V.P. Drew made a motion which was duly seconded that the Governor not be invited to our Convention. The motion was unanimously voted.

V.P. Drew told the Council that some State employees who took part in the strike have been fired even though the Governor said that they would not be.

Exec. V.P. Farnham thought the Council should give Howard Doyle a vote of confidence. V.P. Cardinal questioned this as Howard is having trouble with his International and this is in-house fighting.

Pres. Sullivan stated that in the event Howard Doyle needs support when the contract is negotiated we will take every action we can to support him. We will go on record in whatever way is necessary.

Pres. Sullivan asked the members of the Executive Council to forward any corrections or changes they may have with regard to the Convention Committees.

The Executive Officers recommended that the next meeting of the Council be held on Wednesday, August 18, 1976 at 10:00 A.M. at the Statler Hilton.

V.P. Cardinal made a motion which was duly seconded by V.P. Levin that the next meeting be held on August 18, 1976 at 10:00 A.M. at the Statler Hilton.

With regard to the Labor Day Telethon, Pres. Sullivan told the Council that the Chairman of the Telethon is Dusty Alwood, President of the Fire Fighters of Mass. and he is doing a great job.

Motion was duly made & seconded that Dusty Alwood be nominated as Chairman of our Committee on Muscular Dystrophy. So voted.

V.P. O'Neil made a motion which was duly seconded that V.P. Rodwell's name be re-submitted for the next opening on the Industrial Accident Board and that we submit his name only and get behind him. So voted.

Pres. Sullivan told V.P. Drew to find out the names of the State employees who were fired and the Executive Officers will talk to the Governor about getting those people back to work.

The question of a demonstration at the State House was raised and Pres. Sullivan said that a march is being planned during our Convention in conjunction with the Building Trades. A letter will be sent to the Executive Council members as soon as we hear anything about the march.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the President's Report. So voted.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin gave the General Fund & Cope financial reports. Motion duly made & seconded to accept the reports. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin reported that he and V.P. Sullivan went over to the Copley to see Chris Wall regarding the 1977 Convention. They could not get out of the commitment and, therefore, the 1977 Convention will be held at the Copley. The Executive Council will go in on October 31st and the Convention will start on November 1st and run for four days.

In reference to the letter submitting Bob Rodwell's name for a position on the Industrial Accident Board, the letter was typed right away and Sec.-Treas. Loughlin delivered it by hand to Leiderman and told him that Bob Rodwell was a graduate of law school. Leiderman told him that the position had been given away already. Sec.-Treas. Loughlin stated that is his belief that one of the reasons why we lose appointees is because we submit too many names. There should be only one name submitted and it should be done directly from the Council and no other place.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept Secretary-Treasurer Loughlin's report. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin reported that the charter for local 34, Bartenders Union has been picked up with 1200 members. It is now local 26.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the report from Local 34 that there has been a merger. So voted.

Exec. V.P. Farnham expressed his view that we should send a letter to the Governor letting him know he is no longer a friend of organized Labor.

V.P. Brunelle suggested that a resolution be submitted to the Convention regarding our feelings about the Governor.

Motion duly made & seconded that the Executive Council draft a resolution to be submitted to the Convention regarding the Governor. So voted.

COPE REPORT

Cope Dir. Callahan reported that there are about five more scholarships to be finalized.

Another scholarship in the amount of $250.00 has been added from Local 711 Retail Store Employees for the Ely Nelson Memorial.

A successful meeting was held with Congressman Early on July 9, 1976. There were 60 people present. Cong. Early has no opposition.

A meeting is going to be held with Cong. Drinan on August 17, 1976 at the Holiday Inn in Waltham.

Cope Dir. Callahan is awaiting dates from the other Congressmen.

Additional letters have been sent to congressional candidates requesting information on campaign schedules. With the concurrence of the Executive Council Cope Dir. Callahan will arrange for meetings in the Districts.

A copy of congressional candidates names has been forwarded to National COPE and financial aid has been requested. Listings are available to be copied at the office of the Secretary of State.

Seven requests have been received for booth space at the Convention.

An additional $80.00 has been received from the Labor Institute bringing the total to date to $3,089.82.

Dates to Note

Cope Meeting - July 19, 1976, 10:00 A.M. at the Statler
Congressman Drinan - August 17, 1976, 12:30 P.M.
Congressman Burke - August 19, 1976 (night)
Printed copies for primary candidates will be available around August 1st.
Primary - September 14, 1976
Election - November 2, 1976

A list of voting records is being compiled.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept Cope report. So voted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Leg. Dir. Cashman told the Council that the Legislature is in recess and will probably have a session Monday. They are thinking of having another recess for the Republican convention.

Most of our legislation is in Ways & Means and the Joint Committee on Rules. A meeting has been requested with Speaker McGee. It is impossible to get a meeting

with Finnegan. McGee will work with us to try and get our bills out of Ways & Means.

Many questions will be on the ballot. One question will be on the flat rate bill. The bill on the lifeline went through the House and is now in the Senate. The people who were backing the flat rate bill told us if we got lifeline they would drop their campaign on flat rates. Leg. Dir. Cashman doesn't believe that. Harrington held up the lifeline bill until after the date of filing additional signatures. Now the lifeline bill, for all intents and purposes, is dead and the referendum question will go on.

The bottles & cans legislation will also be a referendum question. Leg. Dir. Cashman had a meeting with glass bottle workers, steelworkers and other interested people in the industry. This bill would affect 1,800 to 2,000 jobs. We should make our people knowledgeable about this bill costing thousands of jobs.

The questionsof public power, hand guns, graduated income tax and absentee voting will also be on the referendum.

Exec. V.P. Farnham pointed out that we are in favor of the lifeline bill but we are in opposition to flat rates. We should defeat this referendumdealing with flat rates.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept Legislative Report. So voted.

Pres. Sullivan told the Council that we received a letter from Frank T. Broderick, Chairman of our Committee on Alcoholism asking for approval of Lawrence McCarthy of Local 589, Boston Carmens Union to be appointed as the labor representative to the Mass. Council on Alcoholism replacing Francis J. Burnett - Motion duly made & seconded that Lawrence McCarthy replace Francis J. Burnett. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin read the notice to the members of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Assoc., Inc. from Chester J. Broderick, Chairman of the Patrolmen's Assoc. regarding details at labor disputes - Motion duly made & seconded to send all the Executive Council members a copy of the notice with the minutes. So voted.

Motion duly made & seconded to turn the rest of the communications over to Secretary-Treasurer Loughlin. So voted.

Roll Call.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MASS. STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
STATLER HILTON HOTEL
AUGUST 18, 1976

Present: Pres. Sullivan, Exec. V.P. Cleary, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin, Vice Presidents Barron, Brunelle, Buffum, Campobasso, Cardinal, Dominick, Fernandes, Gill, LaGrasta, Lavin, Mello, Moseley, Prendergast, Rodwell, Sommers, Sullivan, Valentino, Wall & Weng

Absent: Exec. V.P. Farnham (union bus.), Vice Presidents Campbell (union bus.), Devlin, Drew (union bus.), Ferreira, Grieco (union bus.), Khoury, LeBlanc, Leshyk, Litano (union bus.), O'Neil (vacation) Osborn (union bus.), Quinn (illness), Sonsini and Tarallo

Meeting convened at 10:15 A.M. with President Sullivan presiding.

V.P. Lavin read the Council Prayer and there was a moment of silence for the departed.

Minutes of July 15, 1976 - Pres. Sullivan explained that due to the fact the July 15th meeting did not have a quorum a copy of the minutes were sent to the members who were not present for approval. Having done that he asked for the approval of the members. Motion duly made & seconded to accept the minutes as written and the action taken at the meeting. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin explained that he has been in touch with the rubber workers. They are still on strike. If ever there has been a national or international union that gets harrassed or abused it is the Rubber Workers. Today is the 117th day of the strike. We sent them $2,000 and have asked other locals for help.

Motion duly made & seconded to approve the action of the Executive Officers in taking care of the Rubber Workers while they are on strike. So voted.

DISSOLVED
RWDSU No. 330. Leominster 22 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept. So voted.

ON STRIKE
Machinists No. 527, Haverhill 25 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to exonerate from paying per capita while on strike. So voted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
With regard to the resolution which was passed by the Building Trades Convention which in effect stated that they were withdrawing support from the United Way of Mass. and that a resolution be introduced at our Convention which President Sullivan explained at the June 24, 1976 meeting, Pres. Sullivan brought the Council up to date. The resolution was against the policy of the AFL-CIO, however the three requests contained therein were considered reasonable by Leo Perlis. Pres. Sullivan, therefore, wrote to Mr. Chandler of the United Way telling him that the time had come to have a meeting of all interested parties including him, the representatives of the United Way plus Building Trades, Bill Cleary, Jim Loughlin and Bert Farnham. The reason for the meeting is to see if we can get the Board of Directors of the United Way to take some action to fulfill the three requests. Mr. Chandler is willing to meet and a convenient date is trying to be arrived at. Pres. Sullivan will keep the Council up to date.

Pres. Sullivan then read the titles of the 32 resolutions that have been submitted.

Resolution #8 entitled Boycott of Howard Johnson & Red Coach Grills was asked to be read which Pres. Sullivan did. A suggestion was made that an exception be made of the Red Coach Grill on Stanhope St. in Boston as it is 100% union.

V.P. Mello questioned the motion that was passed at the last meeting not to invite the Governor to our Convention. He pointed out that Resolution #11 (More Cooperation from the Governor), the resolve of which is to develop a relationship between the Council & the Governor seems to conflict with that motion. It was his feeling that we should respect the office. The Council discussed this with Exec. V.P. Cleary making the suggestion that the Secretary-Treasurer get in touch with the Governor's office and have monthly meetings scheduled with him. Get the Governor in at 8:00 to meet with the Executive Officers and any of our Vice Presidents who have specific problems in their area.

V.P. Cardinal made a motion which was duly seconded to reconsider the question of whether or not Resolution #11 should be submitted to the Convention. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin made a motion which was duly seconded by V.P. Weng that the Resolution be submitted to the Convention. The motion was discussed and the question called for. The Motion was so voted.

Motion was made made & seconded to approve the resolutions for submission to the Convention and the suggestion that the Red Coach Grill on Stanhope St., Boston be made an exception in Resolution #8 - Boycott of Howard Johnson & Red Coach Grills. So voted.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept President's Report. So voted.

SECRETARY- TREASURERS REPORT

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin read the General Fund & Cope financial reports. Motion duly made & seconded to accept the financial reports. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin mentioned that there are quite a few locals that owe us money. He will be in touch with the Vice Presidents concerned and asked that they do everything they can to get these people to pay their per capita.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin pointed out that this was the last meeting before the Convention. The Convention is early this year because it was the only date we could get and the Council voted for these dates. The primary is going to be held on September 14th and Sec.-Treas. Loughlin hopes that we will not be condemned by the delegates for this.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin read the Convention program. Motion duly made & seconded to adopt the program. So voted.

Vice President Sullivan advised the Council members that if they had any trouble with their rooms at the Convention to let him know.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the Secretary-Treasurer's Report. So voted.

COPE REPORT

Cope Dir. Callahan informed the Council that Patty Knox from Michigan has been named the Carter co-ordinator in Massachusetts.

A meeting is going to be held on August 26, 1976 with the Committee from National Cope to assist in congressional elections.

A meeting of the Cope Committee was held on July 19, 1976. The following received the Committee's endorsement: Senator Kennedy - Congressmen Boland, Early, Drinan, Tsongas, Harrington, O'Neill, Moakley, Heckler, Burke & Studds.

There has been no action in the first Congressional District and further communication indicated that the Four Central Labor Councils in the area would not participate officially in the Primary.

There has been no action in the Seventh Congressional District due to the number of candidates.

On July 20th all Central Labor Councils were notified of Cope action and their cooperation was requested in the forthcoming election.

Also on July 20th the endorsed candidates were notified of Cope action.

On August 10th all affiliates were forwarded a letter and bumper sticker in support of Senator Kennedy and request was made for support of the Nationally endorsed ticket.

Notification was received of the AFL-CIO's Executive Council action of July 19th, the endorsement of the candidacy of Carter-Mondale ticket. In addition, the General Board of the AFL-CIO will meet on August 31st to prepare for the campaign and mobilize Labor's support.

Meetings were held with Congressman O'Neill on August 16th and Congressman Drinan on August 17th.

Meetings will be held with Congressman Moakley on the 19th and Congressman Tsongas on the 20th. On September 7th a meeting will be held with Congressman Studds of New Bedford. In October there will be a meeting with Congressman Harrington.

Budget forms have been received for Central Labor Union's participation in Computer program. They are being forwarded to the respective Central Labor Unions.

An additional $70.92 was received for the Gompers-Murray Dinner - the total is now $3,160.74.

As of 2:00 P.M. August 10th, 1976 printed ballots were not available.

Cope Dir. Callahan is drafting a resolution on the Graduated Income Tax.

Cope Dir. Callahan believes that he will have to call a Cope meeting after the Convention as the results of the primary will not be completed on Wednesday, September 15, 1976. He would prefer to discuss the Congressional primary election action at the Cope meeting during the Convention.

The Brockton Central Labor Council is holding a Breakfast at Leonards in Brockton on September 11, 1976 at 9:00 A.M. for Congressman Burke. V.P. LaGrasta invited the members of the Executive Board to attend.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the Cope report and authorize Cope Dir. Callahan to hold a Cope meeting after the Convention. So voted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Leg. Dir. Cashman advised that the Roll Call records will be available Monday and will be sent to all affiliates. There are 13 roll calls - 2 in the Senate and 11 in the House.

Leg. Dir. Cashman has had two meetings with Chairman Finnegan of Ways & Means. He got out the Energy Siting Facilities bill which wants a member of the AFL-CIO on that committee - the Generic bill has been put on the calendar - Tips and Gratuities and Illegal Aliens Bills will not get any activity until after the primary.

Leg. Dir. Cashman met with Speaker McGee and his legislative aide, Lawless. They discussed our legislation, which bills were possible and which were not. We want to bring the bills out to give us a chance to lobby the House & Senate.

Leg. Dir. Cashman met with Rep. Flaherty, Committee on Judiciary, regarding the bill to force the insurance companies to issue certificates of insurance to manufacturers on their products.

Leg. Dir. Cashman assisted the Teachers in getting Flaherty to release their bill on the three judge injunction. The Arab Boycott bill went through the House and Senate but was stopped.It has been redrafted. Leg. Dir. Cashman received a letter from Raytheon and AGC saying that they had no objection to the redraft. Everyone is off the hook. It won't offend any Jewish people come election time. There isn't going to be any controversial bills put out before election.

At the request of the telephone workers a meeting was held with Chairman Finnegan, Ways & Means, in reference to the Directory Assistance Charge bill. 1,000 jobs would be in danger if the telephone company decides to charge for directory assistance. The bill number is H.4219 & Chairman Finnegan promised them he would get it out but work had to be done in the Senate.

A meeting was held with regard to Workmen's Compensation. Leg. Dir. Cashman believes that we might get $150.00 and retain dependents with a cap of $175. It would be done in two years. The second year would be 2/3 of the average weekly wage or 100% of the weekly wage of the State and drop dependents after $150.00. At the meeting, which was lengthy, it was suggested that if the Council approves this then Leg. Dir. Cashman and John Prendergast would inform McKinnon & Demers that we would agree to this two year plan to increase Workmen's Compensation. Leg. Dir. Cashman was also informed that widow's benefits would increase $40 or $45.

Information has been received that the Commissioner of the Industrial Accident Board is amenable to two part time commissioners for 12 year terms. A bill is in to add 5 Commissioners. The consensus is that the Legislature won't buy it. The other option is to add 2 Commissioners for 4 year terms.

Bottles & Cans - If this referendum passes it will mean the loss of many jobs. There is a committee in Massachusetts which is working on it. Bruce Wright was going to speak to the Council but was unable to fit it into his schedule. Leg. Dir. Cashman would like to have him speak at the Convention.

Pres. Sullivan stated that it is his understanding that these people have a film and he thinks that they should be prepared to run this film as part of their presentation and inform him of the acceptance of this by the Executive Council as part of Bill Cashman's report.

With regard to Workmen's Compensation, Pres. Sullivan told the Council that we will outline to the Legislature, through Demers & McKinnon, what we will take. The first year we will take $150.00 plus dependents. The second year we want 100% of the average weekly wage of Mass.

Vice Pres. Prendergast advised that this is the best package we ever had. If a problem comes up we have to contact our people in the Legislature to put the package across.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the Legislative Director's report. So voted.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Jacob Clayman, Sec.-Treas. Industrial Union Dept. & Kenneth S. Kovack, Leg. Rep. United Steelworkers of America asking for a contribution for the Consumer Federation of America - Motion duly made & seconded to comply with the request. So voted.

From Andrew J. Biemiller, Dir., Dept. of Legislation AFL-CIO re H.R. 13613, a food stamp bill - Motion duly made & seconded to turn this over to Sec.-Treas. Loughlin. So voted.

From Brenda J. Hall, District Rep. Blue Cross Blue Shield re increase in rates Motion duly made & seconded to find out why our rates went up.

From Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. asking for a contribution for the Martin Luther Kind, Jr. Center for Social Change - Accepted for file.

From Stephen M. Weiner, Chairman, Rate Setting Commission re appointment to the Commission's Advisory Council - Motion duly made & seconded to comply with the request. So voted.

From Howard N. Smith, Secretary, Executive Office of Economic Affairs re our recommendation of Richard R. Rodwell for appointment to the Industrial Accident Board - Accepted for file

From Gov. Dukakis, Paul Parks, Sec. of Educational Affairs & Philip A. Pirrone re Mr. Pirrone's appointment as a member of the Advisory Council on Vocational Technical Education - Placed on file

Copy of letter to Paul Parks, Sec. of Educational Affairs recommending re-appointment of Peter diCicco to the State College Board of Trustees - Motion duly made & seconded to refer this to the Executive Officers. So voted.

From Albert F. Litano, V.P. advising he will be unable to attend meeting due to union business - Accepted for file

From James J. Reilly, President URW Local 11 thanking the Council for the financial assistance given. - Placed on file

Roll Call

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
STATLER HILTON HOTEL, BOSTON
SEPTEMBER 13, 1976

Present: Pres. Sullivan, Exec. V.P. Cleary, Exec. V.P. Farnham, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin, Vice Presidents Barron, Brunelle, Campbell, Cardinal, Devlin, Dominick, Drew, Fernandes, Ferreira, Gill, Grieco, Khoury, LaGrasta, Lavin, LeBlanc, Leshyk, Mello, O'Neil, Osborn, Quinn, Rodwell, Sommers, Sonsini, Sullivan, Valentino, Wall & Weng

Absent: Vice Presidents Buffum, Campobasso (union bus.), Litano (union bus.) Moseley (union bus.), Prendergast (union bus.) & Tarallo (union bus.)

The meeting convened at 2:20 P.M. with President Sullivan presiding.

V.P. Cardinal read the Council Prayer and there was a moment of silence for the departed.

Pres. Sullivan informed the Council that he was going to set aside the regular order of business in order to have Tom Sharkey, the International Representative from AFSC&ME speak to the Council.

Brother Sharkey spoke to the Council regarding the current dispute between State, County & Municipal employees and the Dukakis Administration re an increase in wages. He asked that we lend our efforts in contacting individual councils, local unions, international unions and the Legislature to call to their attention the inequity in wages being paid to state employees and ask for their assistance in bringing pressure on the Governor's Administration to recognize the length of time that has passed since state employees have received an increase. He also asked that communication be made with the Governor regarding the same. - Motion duly made by V.P. Devlin & seconded by Exec. V.P. Cleary to comply with request. So voted.
Pres. Sullivan advised the Council that the Executive Officers had a meeting with the Alliance negotiating committee and reaffirmed the Mass. State Labor Council's backing of the state workers. Pres. Sullivan also told the Council that he has asked Jerry Wurf to speak at our convention.

Minutes of August 18, 1976 meeting were accepted as written with the following corrections: V.P. Paul Devlin should have been listed as absent due to union business and the action regarding the communication from Stephen M. Weiner, Chairman of the Rate Setting Commission re appointment to the Commission's Advisory Council should read as follows: Motion duly made & seconded to re-submit the name of President Joseph A. Sullivan for the position. So voted.

DECREASE IN MEMBERSHIP
Iron Workers Local 501. Boston (From 800 to 610) 190 Members

NEW AFFILIATION
Glass Bottle Blowers Assoc. Local 169, Milford 125 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept the decrease and the new affiliation. So voted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Exec. V.P. Cleary reported that he had a meeting with the Governor. We are not in any position to tell the Alliance how to negotiate their contract and that is not our intent. This is the first time he has been asked to intervene in reference to this problem. If we are going to intervene, not to negotiate, we have to know the figures. One side throws us a figure of 30 million, not a penny more and the other side goes to a high of 203 million. The Governor says that if he had the money he would give the public employees a raise. We would like to know how much and if there is any money in there.

Pres. Sullivan advised that V.P. Barron would be the acting Chairman of the Resolutions Committee and V.P. Rodwell would be the Secretary.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the President's Report. So voted.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin gave the General Fund & Cope financial reports.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the President's Report. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin read the Program of the Convention.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the Secretary-Treasurer's report. So voted.

V.P. Ferreira spoke to the Council regarding the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association. Many times they came to us asking for assistance and even though they are not affiliated we helped them and we have continuously supported them. In response to a copy of a communication we received from Chester Broderick, Chairman of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association which reminded his members of their commitment to organized Labor, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin sent a letter to Mr. Broderick thanking him for his cooperation and offering our assistance at any time.

Last week a letter was sent out by Mr. Broderick to all law enforcement officers indicating that the Mass. Law Enforcement Council is better qualified to serve the State Law Enforcement Officers than the Alliance. Sec.-Treas. Loughlin sent a letter on September 10th indicating he was displeased with the endorsement of the Association over an AFL-CIO affiliate.

An election is now going on and V.P. Ferreira asked the Council to endorse the Alliance against the Enforcement Association. He also requested that in the future if Chester Broderick comes before the Council, the Council reach out to the AFSC&ME or SEIU to check into what he is looking for. V.P. Ferreira hopes that the Vice Presidents of this Council will endorse the Alliance in a letter so that the people will know that if they do vote to associate with the Association the door is not that wide open to get help from the AFL-CIO. Broderick still chooses to stay out of the AFL-CIO because he knows when he needs help he receives it.

Motion duly made by V.P. Ferreira which was seconded by V.P. Sullivan that the Mass. State Labor Council, AFL-CIO endorses the Alliance in its policies and programs versus the law enforcement association and also that a late filed resolution be submitted. So voted.

Motion duly made & seconded that any previous agreements that we might have had with Chester Broderick and the BPPA be withdrawn and a letter be sent informing him of this. So voted.

V.P. Devlin mentioned to the Council that the National Education Association and its affiliates are uncooperative. They campaign that they are independent but when they have troubles they come to the AFL-CIO. Then they go around saying who needs Labor, Labor comes free.

Motion duly made by V.P. Devlin and seconded that the Mass. State Labor Council and its affiliates and central bodies not support individual associations such as the National Education Association and its state and local affiliates. So voted.

V.P. Campbell read a resolution entitled Emergency Action for Full Employment in the Northeastern Region which he wanted to put in as a late filed resolution.

Motion duly made & seconded that he be allowed to submit this as a late filed resolution. So voted.

COPE REPORT

Cope Dir. Callahan reported that a reception and a meeting of labor representatives was held for Congressman Tsongas on 8/19/76.

On September 10, 1976 a reception and meeting of labor representatives was held for Congressman Harrington.

A meeting was held on August 26th at the Airport with National Representatives of Cope. Subject matter discussed was the coalition of Auto Workers, Teamsters, and AFL-CIO - monetary consideration for candidates in the Congressional Districts - prognosis of the outcome. A letter was sent out from CLU's to the media on behalf of Senator Kennedy and endorsed Congressmen.

The "Get out the Vote" rally will be held in late October.

John O'Malley from the Regional Office has been named to assist in co-ordinating the forthcoming election.

A letter to the Cope Committee was sent on August 26th re meeting following the Convention.

A reception and meeting of labor representatives is being held on September 23rd for Congressman Studds.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept Cope report. So voted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The Legislature has not been active. They are mainly interested in re-election campaigns.

Leg. Dir. Cashman had a meeting with Speaker McGee and a representative of the Immigration Department regarding the Illegal Aliens bill which wasn't moving. It is just apathy on the part of the leadership and we got assurances from the Speaker that it would move.

Leg. Dir. Cashman also attended a meeting which was called by Exec. V.P. Cleary with Rick Anderson regarding the Governor's bill to revamp the unemployment insurance which was killed for all sensible reasons. The Governor is now trying a political ploy to force it out with the Economic Development bill. Even though Anderson is a representative from the Division of Employment Security he said he didn't know anything about it.

The Workmen's Compensation bill is in the process of being drafted. They are now getting cost estimates on what we recommend and what we were told we could get.

Bottles & Cans representatives would like to have some responsible Labor official make a very determined presentation from the floor during the Convention.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the Legislative Report. So voted.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Howard N. Smith, Sec., Exec. Office of Economic Affairs re transfer of the Employment Agency Bureau from the Dept. of Labor & Industries to the Executive Office of Consumer Affairs - Accepted for file

From Whitney North Seymour, Jr. requesting that Pres. Sullivan serve on the National Citizens Emergency Committee to save our Public Libraries - Motion duly made & seconded that Pres. Sullivan be allowed to serve. So voted.

From Marc A. Johnson, Director United Farm Workers thanking us for our cooperation and contribution - Motion duly made & seconded to comply with request. So voted.

From Robert X. Chandler, Exec. V.P. United Way of Mass. Bay thanking us for our endorsement - Accepted for file.

Roll Call.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
STATLER HILTON HOTEL, BOSTON
OCTOBER 21, 1976

Present: Pres. Sullivan, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin, Exec. V.P. Cleary, Vice Presidents Barron, Brunelle, Buffum, Cardinal, Devlin, Dominick, Fernandes, Khoury, LaGrasta, Lavin, LeBlanc, Leshyk, Litano, Osborn, Prendergast, Quinn, Rodwell & Sullivan

Absent: Exec. V.P. Farnham, Vice Presidents Campbell (union bus.), Campobasso, Drew, Ferreira (union bus.), Gill, Grieco, Mello, Moseley, O'Neil (illness), Sommers (union bus.), Sonsini, Tarallo, Valentino (union bus.), Wall (union bus.) & Weng

The meeting convened at 10:30 A.M. with President Sullivan presiding.

V.P. Osborn read the Council Prayer and there was a moment of silence for the departed.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin read a letter of resignation from Thomas Moseley and a recommendation that Richard Croteau be elected to fill his vacancy. Motion duly made & seconded to accept Thomas Moseley's resignation with regret and his recommendation that Richard Croteau fill the vacancy. So voted.

V.P. Croteau was sworn in by President Sullivan.

WITHDRAWALS

Teachers Local #1107, Melrose, Mass. — 15 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept. So voted.

Painters & Allied Trades Local #39, Lowell — 79 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to have V.P. Mello check into this and report at the next meeting. So voted.

RE-AFFILIATIONS

AFSC&ME Local #944,	120 Members
AFSC&ME Local #1242, Marshfield	700 Members
Laborers Local #290, Lynn	50 Members
Amal. Food Wkrs. Local #10, New Haven, Conn.	750 Members
Retail Clerks Local #342, Lowell	200 Members

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the above. So voted.

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

Hotel, Rest. Inst. Emp. & Bartenders Local #26 (from 2,900) — 1,600 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept. So voted.

NEW AFFILIATIONS

Sign, Pictorial & Display Union I.B.P.A.T. Local #391, Boston	186 Members
IBEW Local #2324, Holyoke	800 Members
ILGWU Local #554, Boston	100 Members
USWA Local #8343, Worcester	51 Members
Service Emp. Int'l Union Local #925, Boston	6 Members

Motion duly made & seconced to accept the above. So voted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pres. Sullivan spoke about the referendum questions which will appear on the November 2nd ballot and Labor's position on the same. Pres. Sullivan noted that no action was taken on Question #3 - Absentee voting for Religious Reasons and Question #5 - Banning Private Handguns.

A number of Vice Presidents participated in the discussion relative to the referendum questions particularly in the area of gun control and flat rate.

Pres. Sullivan spoke of a discussion he had with representatives of the Carter-Mondale campaign and advised that he invited them to have lunch with the Council when the meeting adjourns.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept President's Report. So voted.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin gave the General Fund & Cope financial reports.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the financial reports. So voted.

There was further discussion on the referendum questions with V.P. Dominick questioning where funds could be obtained for a newspaper advertising to explain Labor's position on the graduated income tax.

V.P. Croteau told about his success in raising monies from his International Union for the Congressional candidates.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept Secretary-Treasurer's report. So voted.

COPE REPORT

A reception was held for Congressman Studds on September 7, 1976. The Congressman is appreciative of Labor's support.

At the request of National Cope, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin and Cope Dir. Callahan attended the Carter breakfast held in Portland, Maine on October 1, 1976. There were approximately 50 Labor representatives from New England Washington Cope present.

In compliance with the action taken on September 15th, the Cope Committee met on October 4, 1976 to act on the Central Labor Council's recommendations. The Committee did not concur in the recommendation in the 46th Middlesex District - endorsed Rep. Robert B. Kennedy.

The Executive Committee met on October 7, 1976 to act on the North Shore & Gr. Lawrence-Haverhill recommendations. The Committee did not concur in the recommendation in the 24th Essex District - endorsed Rep. Beauchesne.

Cope Dir. Callahan met with Representative Ed Markey, the Democratic Congressional Candidate from the 7th District. Financial assistance has been requested from National Cope.

Ed McColgan, the Democratic Congressional Candidate from the 1st District has been notified of his endorsement by the Mass. State Labor Council.

128 packages or 240,000 pieces of Carter-Mondale literature has been distributed. There has been good cooperation.

Patti Knox and Wendy Wallace of the Carter-Mondale headquarters were most cooperative in providing material for the "Leadership Rally" on October 19, 1976. There were approximately 250 at the Rally on October 19th.

Letters have been sent to International Unions requesting literature for the forthcoming scholarship program. The Department of Education has established April 6, 1976 as the date for the examination.

A goal has been set for approximately $30,000 in scholarships.

The first meeting of the Education Committee will be held October 25, 1976.

A question was raised relative to the scholarship program and both President Sullivan and Cope Dir. Callahan explained the procedure used in selecting winners.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept Cope report. So voted.

Pres. Sullivan introduced Tim Sullivan of the Hassett Lodge, Springfield who spoke on Referendum #5 - Banning Private Handguns. He explained that a number of people would lose their jobs if such a referendum was to pass.

Many of the Vice Presidents entered into the discussion and finally a motion was duly made & seconded that the Council recommend a No vote on Referendum #5. So voted with Vice President Quinn being recorded as opposed.

Exec. V.P. Cleary discussed the Nuclear power plant in Seabrook, New Hampshire and requested those present at the meeting sign a petition that the construction permit be re-instated.

Exec. V.P. Cleary then introduced Mr. Kane who spoke to the Council on an Environmental Program of Clean Air and Water and asked for Labor's support of the Program.

Motion duly made & seconded to support the Program. So voted with V.P. Cardinal being recorded as present after he discussed the possibility of loss of jobs in shipyards and factories due to the enforcement of this type of environmental program.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Leg. Dir. Cashman passed out literature on the Workmen's Compensation bill and the Unemployment Insurance bill which were both passed by the Legislature.

Leg. Dir. Cashman also gave out a photocopy of the Employment Security Laws definition regarding suitable work.

The Illegal Aliens bill and the Generic Drug bill have been signed by the Governor.

The Gratuities and Tip bill was amended by Rep. Nordberg. The amendment proved to be crippling in the third reading. Senate Bill #1674, the original draft of the bill, was engrossed in the Senate and too late in the House for enactment during prorogation. The bill will be refiled by Chairman Demers of Commerce & Labor in the 1977 session.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept Legislative report. So voted.

V.P. Brunelle requested more information relative to Workmen's Compensation booklets being printed by the Council.

V.P. Brunelle also pointed out the fact that in the future if credit unions are going to be represented at the Convention then equal space be given to the two credit union leagues in Massachusetts.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Congressmen Burke & Moakley re endorsement for Consumer Boycott of J.P. Stevens Co. - Accepted for file

From Barbara Magovsky of Comm. to Ratify Mass. E.R.A. thanking the Council for courtesy at the Convention - Accepted for file

From Pres. Meany & Frank W. Emig, Ass't Dir. Dept. of Org. & Field Services re Resolution #53 - Increase in No. of Vice Presidents. Pres. Meany was informed that an amendment to the resolution was passed at the Convention that the two new Vice Presidents be put on immediately after authorization from Pres. Meany, however, President Meany refused to allow this and the two new Vice Presidents will be elected at the next Convention.

From Frank A. Palumbo, Sec.-Treas. Int'l Assoc. of Fire Fighters and T. Dustin Alward, Pres., Prof. Fire Fighters of Mass. re Resolution No. 183 - Censure of New Bedford Mayor - Motion duly made & seconded to accept. So voted.

From Marc Johnson, United Farm Wkrs. thanking the Council for their help - Accepted for file - V.P. LaGrasta spoke about the farm workers picketing stores etc. and Pres. Sullivan will speak with them since his feeling is that they are now part of the AFL-CIO and should not cause any problems.

From T.F. Sharkey, Area Dir. of AFSC&ME N.E. thanking the Council for allowing Pres. Wurf to speak at the Convention. V.P. Khoury wanted the Council to be aware that they have 40,000 members but not paying members, the problem being no increase in wages and asked that we continue the fight with the Governor and State regarding increased wages. Motion duly made & seconded to continue the fight. So voted.

From Gladys T. Bellow thanking the Council for the contribution to the Orphans of Italy, Inc. - Accepted for file

From L.A. Jannello, Reg. Co-ordinator of MDA thanking the Council for supporting the Jerry Lewis Telethon - Accepted for file

From Full Employment Action Council re changes adopted in full employment and balance growth act - Motion duly made & seconded to accept. So voted.

From R.E. Martin, Urban Planning Aid asking for support and contributions - Accepted for file

From Judy DePontbriand, Steve Miller, Janice Solet, Mike Wright of Urban Planning Aid, Inc. thanking the Council for support and donation - Accepted for file

From Mass. Law Enforcement Council re Resolution No. 55 - No Support to Boston Police Patrolmen's Association & from Chester J. Broderick, Chairman of Boston Police Patrolmen's Assn. re same - V.P. Khoury requested copies of the communications - Motion was duly made & seconded that the matter be discussed with the Executive Officers and Attorney Segal. So voted.

From L.B. Schacter, Int'l V.P. Amal. Meat Cutters re food stamp legislation - Accepted for file

From George Meany re Russell Stover boycott being terminated - Accepted for file

Roll Call.

Meeting adjourned as 1:10 P.M.

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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
STATLER HILTON HOTEL
NOVEMBER 18, 1976

Present: Pres. Sullivan, Exec. V.P. Cleary, Exec. V.P. Farnham, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin, Vice Presidents Campbell, Campobasso, Cardinal, Grieco, Khoury, LaGrasta, Lavin, LeBlanc, Croteau, O'Neil, Prendergast, Rodwell, Sullivan, Tarallo, Valentino & Weng

Absent: Vice Presidents Barron (union bus.), Brunelle (union bus.), Buffum (death of Ed Sullivan's brother), Devlin (union bus.) Dominick (union bus.), Fernandes (union bus.), Ferreira, Gill, Leshyk (union bus.), Litano (union bus.), Mello (union bus.), Osborn (union bus.), Quinn, Sommers (union bus.) Sonsini, Wall & Drew

Meeting convened at 12:50 with President Sullivan presiding.

V.P. Lavin read the Council Prayer and there was a moment of silence for President Sullivan's father and the departed.

Minutes of October 21, 1976 meeting were accepted with the following correction: Exec. V.P. Farnham should have been listed as absent due to union business.

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP
Assoc. Sch. Adm. Sup. No. 6, Hyde Park (From 156 to 350) 206 Members

RE-AFFILIATION
Fire Fighters No. 937, Chelsea 108 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept the above increase and re-affiliation. So voted.

WITHDRAWAL
Painters Local 39, Lowell 79 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to table until V.P. Mello reports to the Council. So voted.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT
Secretary-Treasurer Loughlin gave the General Fund & Cope financial reports.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the financial reports. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin read the communication from A. Michael Mullane, President Boston Fire Fighters Local 718 re binding arbitration.

Motion duly made & seconded to re-affirm the position which was unanimously adopted by the delegates of the convention in favor of binding arbitration for Fire Fighters and that we do everything we can to uphold the action of the convention. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin advised that the graduated income tax was voted down by the people. Now the Commonwealth needs money and they are talking about a property tax. We are against an increase in sales tax. There has been talk about a general sales tax and he hopes this Council will take a position against this. We should ask our Representatives and Senators to defeat any kind of increase in sales tax.

The Governor promised he would help us get the graduated income tax passed and he didn't lift a finger. Then he turned around and gave us the leg on bottles & cans.

We had a tough time in our office with a number of our affiliates as the newspapers printed an article saying that we changed our minds on the bottle & can bill. The Globe printed that and then a few lines down stated that it was the Oregon State Labor Council. George Meany sent a wire saying that this wasn't so. The Herald also had a story stating that we had changed our minds and wanted the bill defeated.

A press conference was called to straighten out the above matter. Only one girl from the Boston Globe showed up.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept Secretary-Treasurer's Report. So voted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pres. Sullivan read the communication from Brother Quinn resigning as Vice President of the Mass. State Labor Council, AFL-CIO. Motion duly made & seconded to accept Brother Quinn's resignation with regret and that a letter of regret be sent to him as well as an invitation to the Christmas party. So voted.

Pres. Sullivan then read the communication from Antone L. Campos, URW District 2 recommending Kyle E. Beverly, President of URW Local 25 fill the vacancy of V.P. Quinn. There was a discussion among the Executive Board as to whether or not the recommendation should come from V.P. Quinn.

Question was called for by V.P. Cardinal and a motion was duly made & seconded to accept the recommendation that Kyle E. Beverly fill the vacancy of V.P. Quinn. So voted with V.P. Prendergast being recorded as opposed.

With regard to the problem between the Quincy & South Shore Building Trades Council and the United Way of Mass. Bay, Pres. Sullivan told the Council that Bob Chandler, Executive Vice President of the United Way has drawn up a proposed letter to be sent to all the agencies in the United Way of Mass. Bay. Carmine D'Olimpio, Pres. of the Quincy & South Shore Building & Construction Trades Council is satisfied with the letter and has sent a letter to Mr. Chandler so stating.

Pres. Sullivan would like to see the members of the Executive Board go back to the Central Labor Councils they belong to and see that somebody from Labor is appointed to the Board of Directors of these various agencies. One of the complaints made by Carmine D'Olimpio is that there is no representation by organized Labor.

The letter that Bob Chandler drafted to the agencies is very strong. It tells them exactly what they should do.

If we had Labor representation on the Boards of these various agencies then they would make sure that organized Labor got a cut of the pie.

The Board discussed the various problems they have had with the United Way and Pres. Sullivan advised that if they wanted to discuss the problem on a national level then he could arrange a meeting with Leo Perlis.

V.P. LaGrasta made a motion which was duly seconded that Pres. Sullivan contact Leo Perlis in Washington to set up a meeting after the holidays with representatives of the United Way and the people who are having trouble to see if we can get some help out of Washington. So voted.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept President's Report. So voted.

COPE REPORT

The Committee on Education met on October 25, 1976. The following recommendations were made: Scholarship program be conducted on April 6, 1977, Harvard Trade Union Fellowship interviews be held on April 4, 1977, the Gompers-Murray Institute be conducted on May 12 - 13, 1977 at Treadway.

A discussion was held relative to the subject matter for the essay program. A final decision will be made at the next meeting.

James Grande, Apprentice Co-ordinator for Operating Engineers Local 4 informed the Education Committee that speakers are available for school programs from the Apprenticeship Co-ordinators Committee.

1976 ELECTION

	Won	Lost
Mass. State Senate Endorsed 26	24	2
Mass. House Endorsed 80	76	4
U.S. House of Rep. Endorsed 12	11	1

Approximately 81% voted. Following are the results:

President - Carter
U.S. Senator - Kennedy
U.S. House - Conte, Boland, Early, Drinan, Tsongas, Harrington, Markey, O'Neill, Moakley, Heckler, Burke & Studds

A letter was sent to Leg. Director Biemiller re Congressman-elect Edward J. Markey.

The financial report was filed with Public Records Dept. re legislative agents.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the Cope Report and approve the three dates recommended. So voted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Leg. Dir. Cashman advised the Council that we are drafting legislation for the incoming year (a list of the bills we are filing is enclosed)

Leg. Dir. Cashman questioned whether or not the Council wanted to file two Workmen's Compensation bills, one to do with the cost of living and the other with increased benefits.

The Fire Fighters are going to file the bill on Compulsory Arbitration.

Leg. Dir. Cashman gave out a list of the members of the Senate and the new Representatives.

Leg. Dir. Cashman has been working with Jack Davoren and some other Labor legislative directors to arrange a meeting with the 5 new Senators and 40 new Representatives. It will be held at the Statler Hilton Hotel on November 30th.

V.P. Tarallo is going to have us file a bill to make Election day a holiday.

V.P. Prendergast made a motion which was duly seconded to file a bill to get 5 new Commissioners for the Industrial Accident Board, two of them to be chosen by the Mass. State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, to be funded for 12 years terms and a bill to have three new locations for Workmen's Compensation offices - New Bedford, Worcester & Lowell. The Vice Presidents discussed the motion and the motion was so voted.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept Legislative Director's Report. So voted.

V.P. LaGrasta discussed the fact that the Governor and Mayor have allied themselves to seek our personal payroll taxes. This would greatly hurt the garment workers.

Motion duly made & seconded that we oppose any personal payroll taxes regardless of what city or town is involved. The motion was discussed and then a motion was duly made & seconded to shut off the debate. So voted. The motion to oppose any personal payroll taxes was so voted with V.P. Cardinal being recorded as present and Exec. V.P. Cleary being recorded as opposed.

COMMUNICATIONS

From William M. Graham, Paul A. Martin, William P. Richardson IBEW Local 2222 re newly signed Federal Tax Revision Bill of 1976 - Motion duly made & seconded to sign the petition. So voted.

From Joseph Mello, Reg'l Dir. Union Label Dept. ACTWU and Delmont M. Mileski, Nat'l Field Director ACTWU re J.P. Stevens - Accepted for file

From Congressman Harrington re J.P. Stevens Co. - Accepted for file

From President George Meany re Carter presidential victory - Accepted for file.

Copy of letter from V.P. Barron to Attorney General Bellotti re Sunday Blue Laws - Accepted for file

From President Meany re Bottle & Can Legislation - Accepted for file

From Hardly L. Nathan, Exec. Ass't to Senator Brooke thanking us for our cooperation - Accepted for file

From Jeffrey W. Wood, Sales Manager, Statler Hilton Hotel re dates for Conventions from 1978 through 1980 - Motion duly made & seconded to accept dates. So voted.

From Mass. Law Enforcement Council re Resolution #55 - No support to Boston Police Patrolmen's Association - Motion duly made & seconded to table this until the next meeting. So voted.

From Governor Dukakis re Mass. Energy Policy Office Public Hearings - Motion duly made & seconded to send a copy of this to the Vice Presidents in the area. So voted

From Carroll Center for the Blind thanking us for financial contribution - Accepted for file.

From the National Cancer Foundation, Inc. thanking us for financial contribution - Accepted for file

Copy of letter to Jill Schuker, Exec. Dir. N.E. Cong. Caucus from Benjamin J. Dorsky Sec.-Treas. N.E. AFL-CIO re Seabrook nuclear power plant & reply - From Edward J. King, Pres. The New England Council thanking us for financial assistance - From Congressman Burke re H.R. 12112, the Synthetic Fuel bill. Exec. V.P. Cleary thanked the Council for the help in reference to the Seabrook plant. He explained the problems they were having with E.P.A. He also told the Council that when Seabrook is completed that will leave 93% of their electricity which will be free of foreign import oil. There are many other plants coming up, not all nuclear. There has to be coal and other fossil type fuel in order to get balanced energy in New England.

Roll Call.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
PARKER HOUSE
DECEMBER 20, 1976

Present: Pres. Sullivan, Exec. V.P. Cleary, Exec. V.P. Farnham, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin, Vice Presidents Barron, Beverly, Campbell, Campobasso, Cardinal, Croteau, Devlin, Dominick, Fernandes, Gill, Grieco, Khoury, LaGrasta, Lavin, LeBlanc, Leshyk, Litano, Mello, O'Neil, Osborn, Rodwell, Sommers, Sullivan, Tarallo, Valentino and Weng

Absent: Vice Presidents Brunelle, Buffum, Drew, Ferreira, Prendergast, Sonsini and Wall(union bus.)

The meeting convened at 10:20 A.M. with President Sullivan presiding.

V.P.Croteau read the Council Prayer and there was a moment of silence for the departed.

Kyle Beverly was sworn in as Vice President by President Sullivan.

Minutes of November 18, 1976 meeting were accepted as written.

WITHDRAWALS

Retail Clerks Local 1325, Fall River — 600 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to table until further meeting. So voted.

OCAW Local 8-323, Chelsea (plant closed) — 18 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept with regret. So voted.

United Paperworkers Local 552, E.Pepperell — 195 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to table until further meeting. So voted.

Int'l Assoc. of Machinists & Aerospace Workers Local 1050 — 31 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept with regret. So voted.

Painters Local 39, Lowell (financial difficulty) — 79 Members
Motion duly made & seconded to accept with regret. So voted.

DECREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

Graphic Arts Union Local 67, Dorchester (from 450 to 350) — 100 Members
IBEW Local 2313, Hanover
Motion duly made & seconded to accept the above. So voted.

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

Ma. Social Wkrs. Gld. Local 509, Boston (From 2500 to 3500) — 1000 Members
AFSC&ME Local 1358, Brookline (From 300 to 350) — 50 Members
Assoc. Sch. Adm. Sup. No. 6, Hyde Park (From 156 to 350) — 194 Members

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pres. Sullivan turned the meeting over to V.P. Barron for a report on the Sunday Blue Laws.

V.P. Barron advised that an organizing crew was brought in on Sunday in cooperation with the local agents and the Zayres stores were hit with a flyer and an authorization card. Zayres is very anti union. If we can get responses from the Zayres stores there will be an organizing drive. V.P. Barron requested

that the members of the Council advise anyone they know that works at Zayres to read the flyer, make out the cards and contact the local unions.

We are going to have a problem in the Legislature even though the vote was close. We will try to protect anything we can there. Retail employees do not get Saturday off. Sunday is the only day they have and it shouldn't be taken away from them. Rhode Island, after facing the same illegal situation, amended their laws and allowed legal Sunday openings for four weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. If we have to buy something in the Legislature that seems the only reasonable solution.

V.P. Barron asked the cooperation of the people in making sure that employees in the stores know that there is a place they can get help. Even if we get union contracts in these discount stores there won't be Sunday openings because they are too cheap to pay the freight.

Pres. Sullivan advised that he has discussed the Sunday Blue Laws with Bob Segal, John Barron and Bill Cashman. V.P. Barron went to Court with the intention of speaking on the Sunday Blue Laws but was told that only the people who filed the case - Zayres - and the attorneys were allowed to speak. Bob Segal called the attorneys who filed the case and he received a copy of the 8 page opinion of Judge Wilkins plus a copy of the suit filed by Zayres.

Until such time as the Attorney General files the facts with Judge Wilkins and he turns it over to the full Board of the Supreme Court, no action will be taken but we do intend to file a brief and become an amicus curiae (friend of the Court) and will have the right to file briefs.

V.P. Barron met with Bob Grieco who is handling the case for the Attorney General's office. We have all the material that has been filed to date. Bob Segal intends to meet with him and the Committee against the seven day work week. That committee has retained an attorney and will file a brief testing the constitutionality of that law.

The Tax Department of Massachusetts is making a fool out of themselves by sending Inspectors to New Hampshire to catch people from Massachusetts who are buying liquor there. Mr. Clark made statements that they were violating the law. They are going to take it out on these people.

V.P. Dominick stated that there was a meeting last Friday with 8 or 9 Legislators to tell them how serious a violation of the law the Sunday openings are. Rep. Demers stated at the meeting that we have a serious problem. We are going to have to test the courts on the constitutionality of the law. The Attorney General is asking law enforcement agencies to enforce the law. V.P. Dominick thinks we should take some protective action today as to where we are going. The hearing is going to be held on January 18th in the Gardner Auditorium and we should get as many people from assorted phases of the trade union there as well as our legal representative.

The First National Stores were going to open on Sunday and use the people they chose. They would pay double time but it would be to the part time people. Seniority would not count even though they should be the ones to get the work. Bradless is open but is paying people double time.

A survey was done in Vermont on the Blue Laws. The survey showed that even though the stores were open 7 days the business spread out and they did the same amount in 7 days as they had done in 6. They then closed their doors.

V.P. Dominick believes that the Attorney General deserves a commendation from this body and we should let him know that. V.P. Dominick also commended John Barron for doing an excellent job.

The Governor should be reprimanded by this body. The law is the law and he should not tell the law enforcement agencies to look the other way. V.P. Dominick also suggested that we picket stores that open on Sunday and boycott people selling on Sundays.

President Sullivan advised that we have already taken action and it is in the hands of our attorney. No action can be taken legally until such time as the Attorney General hands the facts in the case over to Judge Wilkins who will then turn it over to the Supreme Court. Also, with regard to commending the Attorney General, we gave out a press release two days after the statement of the Attorney General. We know that Attorney General Bellotti notified the proper people to uphold the law. The press release commended Attorney General Bellotti for his stand. He is sworn to uphold the law and he intends to do so regardless of the opinion of the Supreme Court judge or the Governor.

Motion duly made & seconded to send a letter to the Governor denouncing him on his stand regarding the Blue Laws. Motion duly made & seconded to amend the motion to say that the Executive Officers be authorized to take proper action on the Governor's stand regarding the Sunday Blue Laws. So voted.

V.P. Cardinal asked if we were against the Sunday openings because it is against the law or because some of our brothers and sisters are being infringed upon.

V.P. Cardinal made a motion which was duly seconded that the Mass. State Labor Council send a letter to all locals explaining our position on the Sunday Blue Laws.

V.P. Barron explained that we are opposed to Sunday openings because we are concerned about our members. Opening stores on Sunday is going to cost money, isn't going to create jobs and will not increase the tax revenue. The extra expense is going to be paid by everybody. You cannot open a store for another day without additional expense. Lights, heat, air conditioning and utilizing registers all cost money. They won't lose their profit. They will pass the cost on to the consumer.

There was a discussion regarding the Sunday Blue Laws and then a motion was duly made & seconded to shut off debate. So voted with Vice Presidents Cardinal, Mello and Dominick recorded as opposed.

The motion to send a letter to all locals explaining our position on the Sunday Blue Laws was so voted with V.P. Dominick being recorded as opposed.

V.P. Barron added that the Mass.State Labor Council, AFL-CIO in convention voted to oppose any change in the Sunday Blue Laws.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the President's Report. So voted.

Attorney Segal gave the present status of the case on the Sunday Blue Laws. It originated under the statute as amended in 1962. Zayres is asking for an injunction to stop any enforcement of the laws while the case is still being litigated. Wilkins heard it and handed down an 8 page opinion. He will refer the case to the full Supreme Court of Massachusetts when all the papers are filed. He denied the injunction. In his comments he states that the law is unconstitutional It is discriminatory against some groups and favorable to others. He doesn't

doesn't believe the law should be enforced until the court acts upon it. There will be a hearing on January 18th. Any group can file a brief with the court's okay. We can file an amicus curiae brief. If we decide to file such a brief we would have to have it printed and have research done on it. The briefs ought to be filed by the parties primarily involved. The more briefs filed the better position we will be in.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary-Treasurer Loughlin gave the General Fund and Cope financial reports.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the financial reports. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin advised the Council that he has been attending many hearings on energy and unemployment. The findings will come out later.

Also, Sec.-Treas. Loughlin reported that he had sent a name to the Governor for consideration as Trustee of the University of Mass. Two years ago we submitted the name and got a promise that we would have someone on the Board of Trustees. We got O'Neill's word that we would have somebody on the Board. Last week there was a change and we were ignored.

The Executive Council meetings will be at the Parker House from now on.

With regard to the Convention, seeing as the Statler has closed we are going to have to hold our Conventions at the Copley Plaza. They have September 11, 12, 13 and 14, 1978 open and October 29, 30, 31 and November 1, 1979 available.

Motion duly made & seconded to allow Sec.-Treas. Loughlin to take care of dates on an option for 1978 and 1979 Conventions. So voted.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the Secretary-Treasurer's report. So voted.

Sec.-Treas. Loughlin read a letter of resignation from Vice President Grieco and V.P. Grieco's recommendation that Frank Talarico replace him. Motion duly made and seconded to accept Mike Grieco's resignation with regret and his recommendation that Frank Talarico replace him. So voted.

A motion was duly made & seconded to support a tax deduction to finance state elections. So voted.

Motion duly made & seconded to turn communications over to the Executive Officers. So voted.

Exec. V.P. Farnham received a request from Senator Bulger and Joe Buttner that we support a piece of legislation filed by them that the members of the Industrial Accident Board get paid the same as a District Court Judge and that the number be increased from 12 to 14, one of the two additions to be a female and the other a labor appointee.

Motion duly made and seconded to support the legislation. So voted.

Executive Vice President Cleary has been contacted by a number of people requesting support of Art Solomon, Director of M.I.T. for the position of undersecretary of HUD. We have had problems with HUD and Art Solomon would not forget Labor's support if he received it.

Motion duly made & seconded to support Art Solomon for the position of undersecretary of HUD. So voted.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Leg. Dir. Cashman told the Council that he filed a late filed bill for the barbers based upon a resolution which came out of their convention requiring educational qualifications for a barber's license.

He also told the Council that if they were interested in any particular bill to get him the information and he will see that each member of the committee involved gets it.

Any information the Council may have with respect to abuses of pension offset or voluntary quits broken down into specific cases Leg. Dir. Cashman would appreciate receiving.

Leg. Dir. Cashman also asked for permission sometime during this legislative session to have 7 or 8 receptions in order to bring the members of the Council together with the legislators from their district.

Motion duly made & seconded to accept the Legislative report and recommendations. So voted.

Motion duly made & seconded to adjourn. So voted.

Roll Call.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

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